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**1 NO POVERTY**  
End poverty in all its forms everywhere.



**2 ZERO HUNGER**  
End hunger, achieve food security, and promote sustainable agriculture.



**3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING**  
Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all ages.



**4 QUALITY EDUCATION**  
Ensure equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning.



**5 GENDER EQUALITY**  
Achieve gender equality and empower women and girls.



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Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation.



**7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY**  
Ensure access to affordable, reliable and sustainable energy for all.



**8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH**  
Promote sustained, economic growth, full and productive employment, and decent work for all.



**9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE**  
Build resilient infrastructure, promote sustainable industrialization, and foster innovation.



**10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES**  
Reduce inequality within and among countries.



**11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES**  
Make cities inclusive, safe, resilient, and sustainable.



**12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION**  
Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns.



**13 CLIMATE ACTION**  
Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts.



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Conserve and sustainably use oceans, seas, and marine resources.



**15 LIFE ON LAND**  
Protect, restore, and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems and biodiversity.



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Promote peaceful and inclusive societies, provide access to justice, and build accountable institutions.



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# Arts and Culture





# Arts and Culture in Mississauga

## ARTS & CULTURE

Mississauga hosts **over 50 festivals** throughout the year.

- There are **5 registered festival community groups** in Mississauga, **10 registered art community groups**, and **9 culture and heritage groups**.

In 2023, **76% were satisfied with art, culture, and heritage services**, up from 75% in 2019.

Source: Visit Mississauga, Peel Immigration

- There were **277,495 attendees** at City funded festivals and events in 2021, up from to **173,076** in 2020.

- **192,380 volunteer hours** were provided at City funded cultural organizations in 2021, up from to **109,996** in 2020.

Source: City of Mississauga

- As of 2021, there were **63 pieces of public art in Mississauga**, up from 59 pieces in 2020.

Source: City of Mississauga

### Museums of Mississauga

- More than **2,400 people** engaged in Museums events, tours and programming in 2020. (26,000 in 2018).

Source: City of Mississauga

## LIBRARY USAGE

In 2022, the **Mississauga Library** had:

- **155,986** active cardholders (143,361 in 2021).
- **2,087,442** in-person visits (872,696 in 2021).
- **81,665** total program attendees (160,202 in 2021).
- **3,095,308** digital collection usage (2,287,476 in 2021).
- **3,824,503** physical collection usage (2,456,945 in 2021).

In 2023, **82% were satisfied with library services**, down from 90% in 2019.



Source: City of Mississauga

## EMPLOYMENT IN ARTS & CULTURE

In 2021, **2.4%** of Mississauga's total labour force worked in art, culture, recreation and sport occupations (2.2% in 2016).

- Compared to:
- **3.1%** in Ontario
  - **3.1%** in Canada



**Professional artists totaled 2,800 in Mississauga** in 2021 (81,800 in Ontario) and made up **0.7% of Mississauga's labour force**, which was below the provincial average of 1%.

Source: Statistics Canada and City of Mississauga

Please note COVID-19 closures in affect from March 2020 – September 2022.

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# Arts and Culture in Mississauga

## CULTURE VENUES & PROGRAMS

There are **7 culture venues** in Mississauga:

- Celebration Square
- Paramount Fine Foods Centre
- Living Arts Centre
- Meadowvale Theatre
- Museums of Mississauga
- Small Arms Inspection Building
- Maja Prentice Theatre

Culture venue **usage increased by over 50%** from 2021 to 2022, from 430 concurrent usage days to 900.

Culture venue **attendance increased by over 25%** from 319,000 attendees in 2021 to 1,207,000 in 2022.

Source: City of Mississauga

- There were **161 events hosted at Culture facilities** in 2021, down from 171 in 2020.
- **1,821 participants** were registered in Culture programs in 2021, up from 1,300 in 2020.

Source: City of Mississauga

## The Art Gallery of Mississauga

- Had **7,867 visitors** to their gallery or satellite spaces in 2022.
- Received **\$44,300 Resilient Communities Fund** grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation in 2023 used to develop a new strategic plan to increase community accessibility and awareness of art and art education.

Source: Art Gallery of Mississauga

## Celebration Square

- More than **5.8M visitors** since its opening in 2011, as of 2020.
- Typically offers over **120 free event days and festivals** annually.
- In 2020, there were **10 programs** and activities delivered over 25 days that attracted over **187,000 onsite and virtual visitors.**

Source: City of Mississauga

## Meadowvale Theatre

- **4,800+ visitors** annually, prior to closing for renovations in 2020.
- Hosted **66 activities** over 81 days in 2020 (131 activities in 2018).

Source: City of Mississauga

## Living Arts Centre and Paramount Fine Foods Centre

- Welcomed over **97,000 visitors** in 2020.

Source: City of Mississauga

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# Arts and Culture in Mississauga

In 2020, **culture's contribution to Mississauga's economy was \$2.2 billion**, or **7.8% of Ontario's** overall culture GDP.

Audio-visual and interactive media, which includes the film and television industry, contributed **\$604 million** to Ontario's Culture GDP in 2020.

Source: City of Mississauga

## ARTS & CULTURE FUNDING

In 2024, Mississauga **invested \$4.7 million** to support community, culture and live music in the city.

- **The Community Grant Program** supports Mississauga-based, not-for-profit organizations by offering multi-year, annual operating, and project grants.
  - **26 approved grants**, including 7 with multi-year funding
- **The Arts and Culture Grant Program** provides funding to organizations focused on arts, culture, and heritage in Mississauga and aims to enhance community participation, knowledge, and appreciation of the arts, culture, and heritage.
  - **30 approved grants**, including 6 with multi-year funding
- **The Cultural Festivals and Celebration Grants** provides funding to help cover expenses related to maintaining a clean and safe venue for arts, heritage, and cultural festivals.
  - **16 approved grants**, including 3 with multi-year funding
- **The Cultural Project Grants** aims to support arts and culture initiatives that commemorate the City of Mississauga's 50th anniversary. It also prioritizes projects that highlight underrepresented stories and histories related to Mississauga.
  - **10 approved grants**
- **The Live Music Grant Pilot Program** is a two-year initiative aimed at increasing the number and frequency of live music events in Mississauga.
  - **14 approved grants**

Source: City of Mississauga

In **2020**, the Film Office issued **115 filming permits** and saw **664 filming days**.

This increased in **2021**, with **160 film permits** issued and over **1300 filming days**. However, due to the return of many program activities in City-owned facilities, there was limited availability for filming to take place in these spaces and in **2022 filming days dropped to 900, while permits remained steady at 160 issued**.

Source: City of Mississauga



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Belonging





# Belonging in Mississauga

## NEWCOMER SUPPORTS

- **The Newcomer Guide to Health and Social Services** for the City of Mississauga provides information on local resources for mental health and addictions, women’s health and wellness, early childhood, older adults’, and seniors’ health, 2SLGBTQ+ health, and more (employment, housing, income support, etc.).
- **Compass to Connect** is funded by **Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada** and connects newcomers to free government funded services.
- **Newcomer Information Centres** are located across the Greater Toronto Area, including Mississauga. They have professional, multilingual staff that provide free one-on-one information and referral services that are personalized to assist immigrants and facilitate a smooth transition to life in Canada.

Source: Immigration Peel and Newcomer Information Centre

In 2021/22, **47% of Canadians reported a strong sense of belonging** to their community, compared to **45% in Ontario**. This percentage was **lower among young people** aged 15 to 34 (ranging from 37% to 44%) **and the LGBTQ2+ population (36%)**.

Source: Statistics Canada

**65%** feel a strong (somewhat/very) **sense of belonging to local community in Ontario (2022)**.

Source: Statistics Canada

**76%** feel a strong (somewhat/very) **sense of belonging to local community in Peel**, according to the 2021 Peel Region Social Capital Report.

Source: Peel Social Capital Report

There are many supports offered to newcomers. Among them, Peel offers the following **Newcomer Information Centres**:

- Newcomer Information Centre
- Newcomer Centre of Peel
- Achēv Newcomer Information Centre

Source: Immigration Peel

**62% report they have access to at least 75% of the services they need**. Of those who reported needing a specific service, **housing support, income support, and employment counselling**, were identified as the top three services.

Source: Peel Social Capital Report

In 2021, **58% of Peel respondents agreed most people can be trusted**.

- **45%** express high trust in those who speak a different language
- **45%** those who have a very different ethnic background
- **37%** those who have different political views
- **17%** those who are strangers

About half of Peel respondents reported that **all or most of the friends they had been in contact with recently shared the same mother tongue**, age, sex, and education.

Over 9 in 10 report **feeling close** to at least one family member and to at least one friend.

**89% believe they could make a difference in addressing problems in their community**.

Source: Peel Social Capital Report



Promote health and wellbeing, ensuring everyone has access to healthcare and services.



Promote inclusivity and ensure equal opportunities for all.



Create inclusive, safe, and sustainable cities with access to basic services and opportunities for all.

# Belonging in Mississauga

## IMMIGRATION IN MISSISSAUGA

**Peel has the highest proportion of immigrants in Ontario.**

- As of 2021, **18%** of Ontario's immigrant population live in Peel.
- Immigrants (recent and established) **account for 51.8% of Peel's population**, a similar proportion as in 2016.
- **104,125 people in Peel are recent immigrants** (between 2016 - 2021), making up **14%** of Peel's total immigrant population.
- Peel was **expected to receive 33,562 new permanent residents** in 2024.
- **Newcomers accounted for 5% of growth** in Peel regions between 2016 and 2021.

**Mississauga maintains the largest proportion of Peel's immigrants** but has the lowest growth in immigration.

- **53.2%** of Mississauga's populations are immigrants.
- Since 2016, Mississauga's immigrant population declined 1%.
- Of **379,425 immigrants** in Mississauga, 52,500 are recent immigrants (2016-2021).

Source: Peel Newcomer Strategy Group, Region of Peel Census Hub, Statistics Canada

**55%** of Mississauga residents **were born outside of Canada**, as of 2021.

Source: Invest Mississauga

## MIGRATION

Between 2016-2021, **Mississauga** had **129,280 migrants (19.0%)**.

- **9.7% internal migrants**
  - **1.2% interprovincial migrants** moving to Mississauga from **outside Ontario**.
  - **8.5% intraprovincial migrants** moving to Mississauga from **elsewhere in Ontario**.

→ **9.3% external migrants** (outside Canada).

Between 2016-2021, **Ontario** had **2,900,355 migrants (21.7%)**.

- **16.2% internal migrants**
  - **1.7% interprovincial migrants**
  - **14.5% intraprovincial migrants**
- **5.5% external migrants**

Source: Statistics Canada

## LANGUAGE

According to the 2021 Census, **96.6%** of Mississauga's population **know at least one of Canada's official languages**.

- 89.8% know English
- 0.1% know French
- 6.7% know both English and French

Source: Statistics Canada

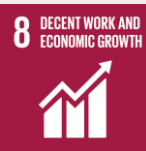
**English is 44.9% of the populations mother tongue** in Mississauga compared to **65.1% in Ontario**.

**61.9% most often speak English at home** in Mississauga compared to **77.4% in Ontario**.

Top other languages spoken most often at home in Mississauga include:

- 3.4% Urdu
- 2.9% Arabic
- 2.5% Mandarin
- 2.1% Punjabi
- 1.7% Polish

Source: Statistics Canada



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# Community Engagement



# Community Engagement in Mississauga

## CHARITABLE DONATIONS

In the **Greater Toronto Area**, **17%** of tax filers **reported a charitable donation** on their personal income tax form for a total of **\$2.6B** in **2022**.

→ Down from **17.8%** in **2021** and **\$2.7B** donated.

In **Ontario**, **17.6%** of tax filers **reported a charitable donation** on their personal income tax form for a total of **\$5.0B** in **2022**.

→ Down from **18.2%** in **2021** and **\$5.3B** donated.

Source: Statistics Canada

## VOLUNTEERING

In 2023, in Ontario **84% of non-profit organizations had volunteers**.


- 42% of organizations had 1 to 19 volunteers
- 30% of organizations had 20 to 99 volunteers
- 12% of organizations had 100 or more volunteers


Organizations in **arts and culture** (92%), **religion** (95%), and **law, advocacy and politics** (90%) were most likely to have volunteers.

**91.8%** of registered charities had volunteers.

Source: Statistics Canada

## ONTARIO NONPROFIT NETWORK

In 2022, more than half of responding organizations were reporting volunteer-related issues like loss of volunteers, difficulty recruiting, etc. In 2023, those numbers decreased to only a quarter. 

A quarter of respondents reported that **they expect their organization's financial situation will improve** between the next 6-12 months, down by 9% from 2022.  Source: Ontario Nonprofit Network

## NONPROFIT SECTOR

- In 2021, non-profits employed **2.5 million people**, representing **14.5%** of all jobs in Canada.
- **Ontario (33.1%)** accounted for the largest share of non-profit workers.

Source: Statistics Canada

Based on the 2024 By-election results for Mayor and Ward 5 Councilor, there was a total of **152,742 total votes**. Source: City of Mississauga

## CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS

In Mississauga there are **874 registered charitable organizations** according to the CRA:

- **130** Relief of Poverty
- **505** Advancement of Religion
- **79** Advancement of Education
- **160** Other Community Benefit

Source: Canada Revenue Agency

A study with Peel residents in 2019, indicates **39.2%** reported having done unpaid volunteer work for an organization in the past year, and **79.1%** donated money or goods.

- Those ages 18-24 had the highest volunteer rate (47%).

Source: Peel Social Capital Report



Provide resources and services to vulnerable populations.



Support the growth of small-sized enterprises contributing to the economic vitality of the community.



Promote inclusivity and ensure equal opportunities for all.



Promote sustainable urban development by encouraging civic participation, improving public services, and fostering a sense of belonging.



# Economy





# Economy in Mississauga

## EMPLOYMENT SECTORS

According to the 2021 Census and National Occupational Classification, the top occupational sectors in Mississauga for the labour force ages 15+ were:

- **Sales and service (23.4%)** compared to 23.5% in Ontario.
- **Business, finance, and administration (21.3%)** compared to 17.9% in Ontario.
- **Trades, transport and equipment operators (14.7%)** compared to 15.9% in Ontario.
- **Natural and applied sciences (12.7%)** compared to 9.3% in Ontario.
- **Education, law and social, community and government services (9.0%)** compared to 11.8% in Ontario.

Source: Statistics Canada

## UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

According to the 2021 Census the unemployment rate in Mississauga in 2021:  
53,920 unemployed

**14%**

Source: Statistics Canada

The **annual unemployment rate** in **Greater Toronto in 2023** was **6.2%** down from **6.3%** in **2022** and **9.2%** in **2021**.

Compared to:

- **5.7%** in Ontario (2023) up from **5.6%** in **2022** and down from **8.1%** in **2021**.
- **5.4%** in Canada (2023) up from **5.3%** in **2022** and down from **7.5%** in **2021**.

Source: Statistics Canada

## EMPLOYMENT RATE

According to the 2021 Census, the employment rate in Mississauga in 2021:  
332,000 employed

**55%**

Source: Statistics Canada

The **annual employment rate** in **Greater Toronto in 2023** was **63.0%** consistent with **63.0%** in **2022** and up from **61.3%** in **2021**.

Compared to:

- **61.8%** in Ontario (2023) consistent with **61.8%** in **2022** and up from **59.9%** in **2021**.
- **62.1%** in Canada (2023) up from **62%** in **2022** and **60.5%** in **2021**.

Source: Statistics Canada

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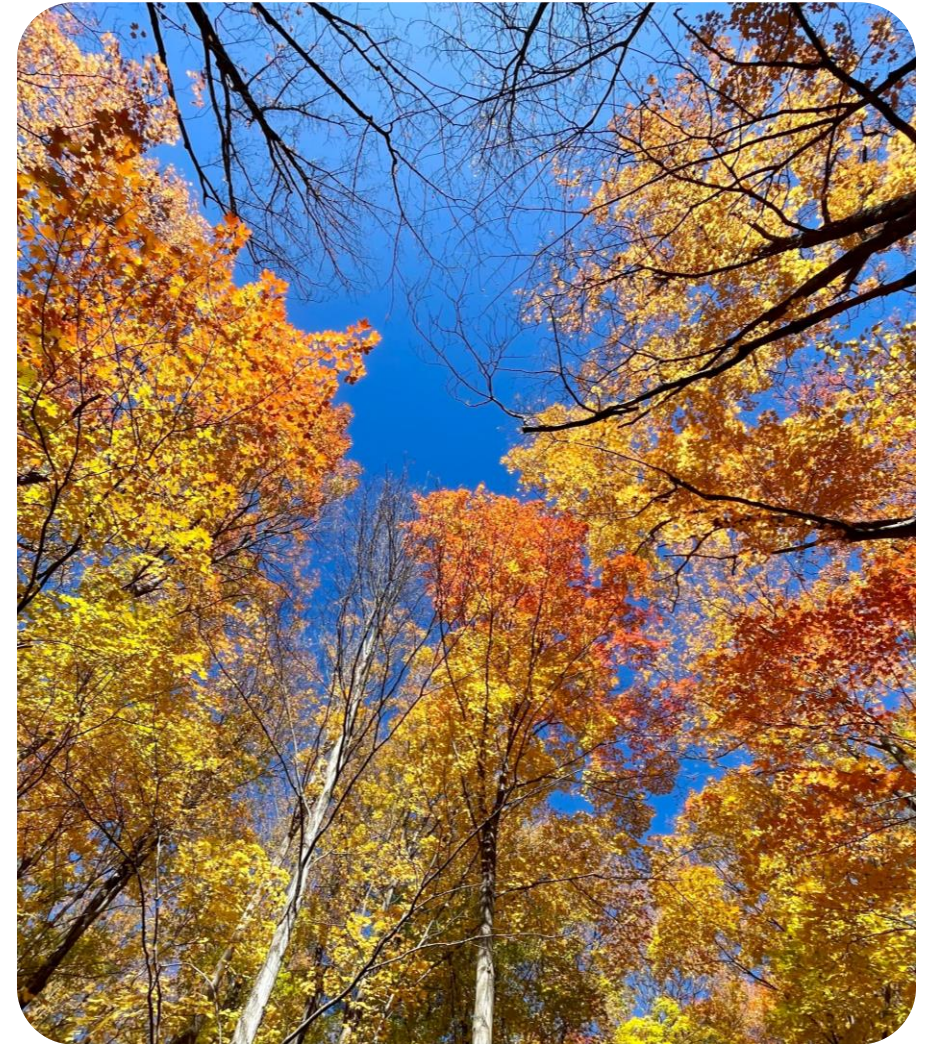
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Environment



# Environment in Mississauga

## PARKLAND

As of September 2021, the city has **470+ parks covering 2,950 ha of parkland.**

- **61%** of parkland is actively managed (1,810 ha).
- **39%** of parkland is natural area (1,140 ha). Compared to 46% in Toronto.

This yields a current **park supply of 4.1ha/1000 people.** Compared to 2.7/1000 people in Toronto.

The city has approximately **250 kilometers of paved park trails** and **1,000+ park and open space assets.**

There are **300+ publicly owned woodlands and greenlands.**

- 375 sports fields
- 263 play sites
- 150 tennis courts
- 27 basketball courts
- 81 seasonal natural ice rinks
- 40 outdoor ice rinks
- 2 marinas
- 9 golf courses
- 26 waterfront parks
- 28 spray pads
- 9 community gardens
- 8 dog parks

Source: Park People and City of Mississauga

Tree canopy covers **5,614 hectares (19%) of Mississauga.** Non-tree canopy vegetation (grass and open space) where tree planting is feasible covers an additional 6,788 hectares (23%). **Per, Canadian Geographic, the ideal tree canopy for cities is estimated between 30 and 40 per cent.**

Source: Canadian Geographic

## AIR QUALITY

Over the course of 2023, **the average Air Quality Index (AQI) in Mississauga remained between 0-50.** Contributing pollutants include automobiles and occasional wildfires.

Source: AQI

## PARKLAND FUNDING

In 2022, the city spent **\$50/person** on park operating expenditures, compared to **\$45/person in 2020.**

**\$36,051,000 in total**

- **\$60,860,604** in parks capital expenditures.
- **\$100,624** total philanthropy/sponsorships.

Source: Park People

## PARKLAND VOLUNTEERING

In 2023, in Mississauga there were a total of **5,782 total park volunteers**, down from **6,739 in 2022.**

**31,607** total park volunteer hours, down from **37,207hrs. in 2022.**

Source: The Riverwood Conservancy and Credit Valley Conservation Foundation

For Canadian cities, in 2022, parks had a positive impact on:

- **88%** mental health (**85% in 2020**).
- **86%** physical health (**81% in 2020**).
- **86%** connection to nature.
- **74%** social connection/well being (**71% in 2020**).
- **75%** connection to neighbourhood/community.



Source: Park People

In 2023, **66%** believed the air, water, and land quality of Mississauga was **excellent/good**, down from 82% in 2019.

Source: City of Mississauga



**3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING**  
Support healthy lifestyles and promote mental and physical wellbeing.



**11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES**  
Promote sustainable urban development by encouraging healthy lifestyles and accessible outdoor spaces.



**15 LIFE ON LAND**  
Promote and protect greenland and sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems.

# Environment in Mississauga

## WATER USAGE

In 2021, the **average daily residential use of potable water** per capita of the population served in **Ontario** was

**187L per person per day**

*Up from 172L in 2019.*

Compared to **223L per person per day in Canada.**

According to the Region of Peel, in 2018, the average amount of indoor water usage for a single residential family in Peel was: **191L per person per day** *(Down from 193L in 2017).*

Source: Statistics Canada and Peel Region.

## WASTE GENERATION

In 2022, the average amount of **residential waste generated across Ontario** was

**3.7million tonnes**

*down from 3.8million in 2020.*

Compared to **10.7million tonnes in Canada.**

Source: Statistics Canada

## WASTE MANAGEMENT

According to the Ontario Waste Management Association, Ontarians send about **12 million tonnes of waste to landfills annually** – almost 5 pounds of waste per person per day.

**Mississauga has undertaken several waste diversion projects over the past few years.**

- Renovation of the Hazel McCallion Central Library: 120,000 kilograms+ of materials were diverted from landfills.
- The Living Arts Centre recently completed a waste diversion project, donating more than 4,000 kg of furniture.
- The City diverted 1,900 kilograms of organic waste at the 2022 Ontario Summer and Ontario Parasport Games.

Peel operates the **second largest municipal waste management program** in the province.

Currently the Region of Peel provides:

- Collection, processing and disposal of waste from residents and eligible small businesses
- Operation of six Community Recycling Centres
- Management of 20 former landfills



**In 2022:**

- **475,000** customers visited Peel’s Community Recycling Centres (down from 525,000 in 2021).
- **47%** of residential waste was reduced, reused, recycled or composted (down from 50% in 2021).
- **56%** of material dropped off at Community Recycling Centres was reused or recycled (consistent with 2021).
- **94%** of curbside households participated in blue box program (up from 93% in 2021).
- **69%** of curbside households participated in the green bin program (down from 70% in 2021).

Source: City of Mississauga and Region of Peel



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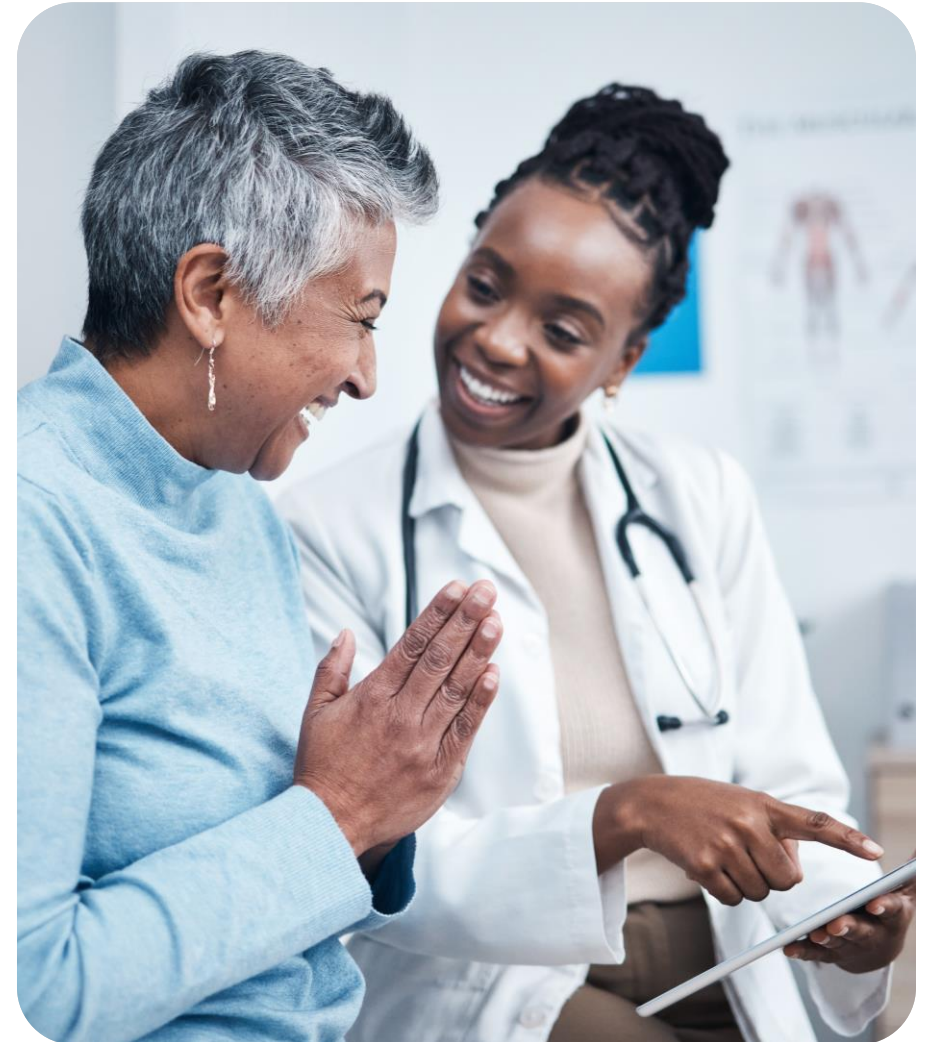


Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns by reducing waste and managing resources.



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# Health and Wellness





# Health and Wellness in Mississauga

## HEALTH CARE

In 2021, **89%** of Peel residents reported having a regular **health care provider that they could see or talk to** when they needed care/advice about their health. Compared to 90% in Ontario.

Source: Peel Region

## HOSPITAL CARE

As of July 2024, **patients waited on average 2.2 hours at the Mississauga Credit Valley Hospital** from checking in at triage or registration to their first assessment by a doctor, nurse-practitioner or dentist in the emergency department. **Patients waited on average 1.4 hours at the Mississauga Hospital.**

→ **Low-Urgency patients** (not admitted to Hospital) spent on **average 3 hours** at both the Credit Valley Hospital and Mississauga Hospital

→ **70%** and **75%** of patients finished their emergency visit within target time of 4 hours at Credit Valley and Mississauga, respectively.

→ **High-Urgency patients** (not admitted to Hospital, sent home or another facility), spent on average **5.1 hours** at Credit Valley and **4.3 hours** at Mississauga.

→ **86%** and **92%** finished their emergency visit within target time of 8 hours at Credit Valley and Mississauga, respectively.

→ **For all patients admitted to Hospital**, on average they spent **44.1 hours** at Credit Valley Hospital and **20.9 hours** at Mississauga Hospital.



Source: Health Quality Ontario

## ONTARIO WELLNESS

In 2022, for Ontario:

- **7,031,100** perceived **health as very good or excellent**, down from 7,611,300 in 2021.
- **6,696,100** perceived **mental health as very good or excellent**, down from 7,046,500 in 2021,
- **2,927,400** perceived **life stress**, most days as quite a bit or extremely stressful, up from 2,627,600 in 2021.

Source: Statistics Canada



In 2019/2020, **60%** of Peel residents **drank alcohol at least once in the past 12 months**, consistent with 2017/2018 (60%). Significantly lower than **Ontario (2019/2020, 72%)**.



In 2019/2020 **9%** of Peel residents were **current smokers (daily/occasional)**, down from 2017/2018 (11%). Significantly lower than **Ontario (2019/2020, 12%)**.



In 2019/2020, **15%** of Peel residents reported **using cannabis at least once in the past 12 months**, up from 2017/2018 (12%). Significantly lower than in **Ontario (2019/2020, 22%)**.

Source: Peel Region

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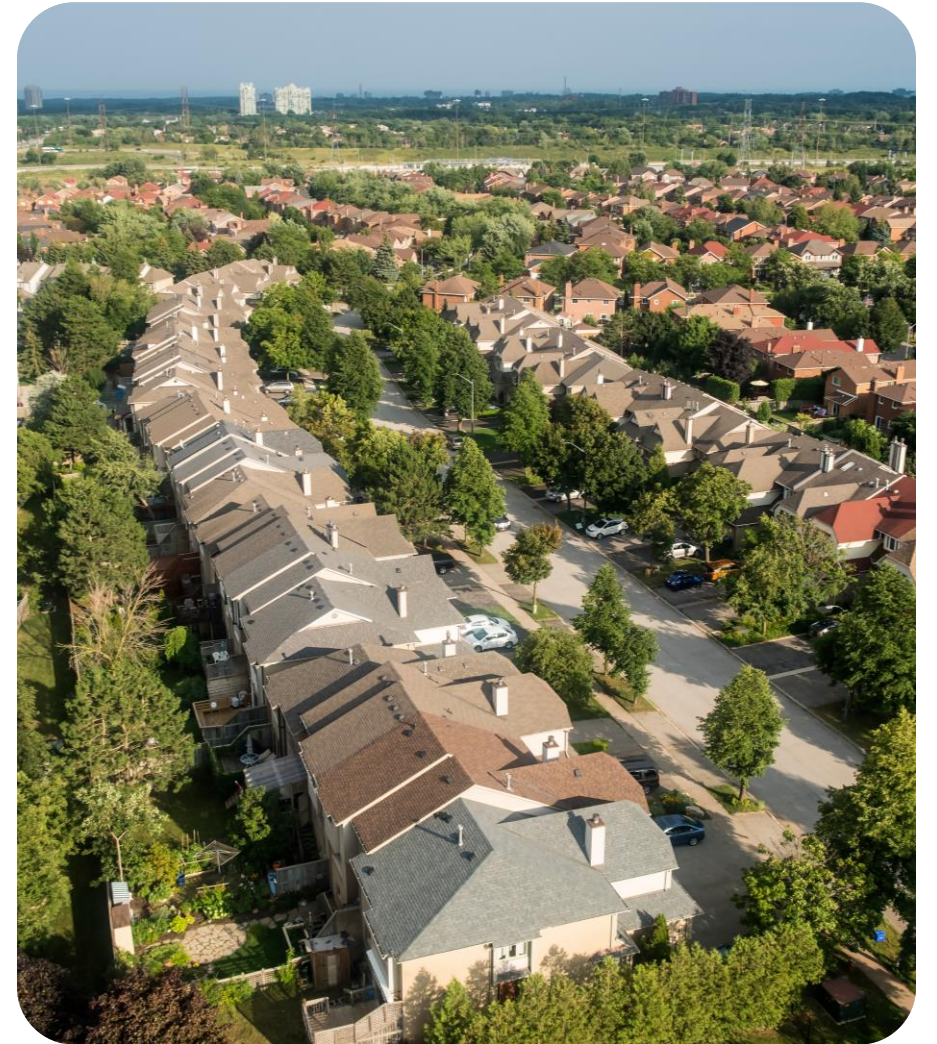
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# Housing



# Housing in Mississauga

In 2021, **70.4%** of Mississauga private households were **owners** and **29.6%** were **renters** (68.4% and 31.4% in Ontario, respectively). Source: Statistics Canada

## HOUSING

In July 2024, Mississauga's **average home price stood at \$1,042,868** a **5.5%** decrease from June and a **1.4%** decline compared to July 2023.

**The total number of home sales in Mississauga was 479** a **13%** decrease from June and a **3%** increase compared to July 2023.

**New listings in Mississauga are up 20.3% year-over-year**, with 1,478 new home listings during July 2024, bringing **Mississauga's sales-to-new-listings ratio (SNLR) to 32%**, down from 35% last month. Source: WOVA

## HOUSING PLAN

In 2023, the City launched **Growing Mississauga**, an action plan to get more housing built and to make it more affordable.

The plan outlines **5 goals and 23 actions** the City will take over the next four years. Some plan actions include:

- 120,000 new units by 2034
- Building more transit-friendly developments
- Creating opportunities for new residential housing in employment areas
- Allowing more housing types like fourplexes and garden suits
- The plan includes an agreement with the federal government under the **Housing Accelerator Fund**

Source: City of Mississauga

## RENTING

In July 2024, Mississauga's **median rent** for all bedroom counts and property counts **stood at \$2,624**.

→ **7%** increase from June

→ **1%** increase compared to July 2023 Source: Zumper



In 2023 for Mississauga, **average rent for private townhouses and apartments was \$1,777**.

Average rent (bachelor) was **\$1,102**, for 1 bedroom **\$1,627**, for 2 bedroom **\$1,854**

Source: Region of Peel

As of 2021, there are **9,514 unoccupied private dwellings in Mississauga** (3.7%), compared to 438,049 in Ontario (7.4%) and 1,305,294 in Canada (8.0%).

**Statistics Canada reports that there are 100,000 short-term rental (STR) units in Canada that could be used for long-term housing.** Furthermore, STR listings increased by 60% from 2017 to 2023, while the number of STR units that could be used as long-term housing grew by more than 80% during that time. While STR's have not caused the housing crisis, they are likely a contributing factor.

**Since 2021, Mississauga has issued 1,254 STR licenses which includes both new and renewed licenses and of which 495 are active.** However, there are likely additional STR units in the city that may not meet the criteria requiring a license as indicated by STR availability on sites such as Airbnb and VRBO.

**The City also issued a total of 1,252 Notices of Contravention and 366 Administrative Penalty System fines, primarily in relation to STRs operating without a license.**

Source: City of Mississauga and Statistics Canada



Ensure access to basic needs and provide supports to vulnerable populations.



Promote sustained and inclusive economic growth.



Create inclusive, safe, and sustainable cities with access to basic services and opportunities for all.

# Housing in Mississauga

According to the 2021 Census, **28%** of **Mississauga** owner and tenant households with total household income greater than zero (private dwellings) are **spending 30% or more of their income on shelter costs**. Compared to **24.2% of those in Ontario** and **20.9% in Canada**.

Of tenant households in non-farm, non-reserve private dwellings, **12.9%** in **Mississauga are in subsidized housing**, compared to **13.7% in Ontario** and **11.7% in Canada**.

Source: Statistics Canada

The Region of Peel estimates **74,000 households are in precarious housing situations**. Currently, it estimates **only 1-in-5 can afford the cost of ownership or renting**. With the 2020 reported median income of \$35,600 and average house prices around \$1M, **about 200% of take-home pay would be needed to service a mortgage** for an average home. For renters, **about 100% of median income would go to rental costs** at current rates.

Source: The Pointer

## HOMELESSNESS IN PEEL

In 2021, **866 individuals were experiencing homelessness in Peel**

- **38%** experiencing chronic homelessness (32% in 2018).
- **37%** individuals in emergency shelters (49% in 2018).
- **16%** in transitional housing (27% in 2018).
- **11%** experiencing unsheltered homelessness (11% in 2018).
- **16%** individuals were 16-24 (24% in 2018).
- **28%** females and **56%** male (34% and 64% in 2018).
- **1%** identified as LGBTQ2IA+

Source:  
Region of Peel

## HOUSING SUPPORTS

In 2023, **33,897 households were supported by Peel Region housing help**.

- **16,497** households call the **affordable housing system home**
- **71%** of all buildings in the community housing systems are in a **good state of repair**
- **1,340 units under development**
- **351** households were placed from Peel's Centralized Waiting List into **subsidized community housing units**
- **4,800+** households **received one-time financial assistance** to prevent homelessness
- **4,500+** households **received case management help** from a Housing Support Worker

Source: Region of Peel

1 NO POVERTY



Ensure access to basic needs and provide supports to vulnerable populations.

10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES



Promote inclusivity and ensure equal opportunities for all.

11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES



Create inclusive, safe, and sustainable cities with access to basic services and opportunities for all.



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Learning





# Learning in Mississauga

In 2021, **61.5%** of Mississauga's population aged 15+ **had a postsecondary certificate, diploma or degree** (57.5% in Ontario and 57.2% in Canada).

**34%** of Peel's population had a **university certificate, diploma or degree at bachelor level or above.**

Source: Statistics Canada and Region of Peel Census

**University of Toronto Mississauga** now includes more than **15,200 undergraduate students** and **900 graduate students.**

In Ontario for total status of students in Canada, there were **920,145 postsecondary enrollments** in 2021/2022. 700,539 Canadian students and 213,564 international.

Source: Statistics Canada and University of Toronto Mississauga

## TUITION

Current University of Toronto Mississauga tuition fees for Year 1 are listed as follows:

- Domestic - **Ontario Resident \$6,100**
- Domestic - **Non-Ontario Resident \$6,280**
- **International \$59,320**



In Ontario, **undergraduate fees average at \$8,190**

Source: Statistics Canada and University of Toronto Mississauga

## POST-SECONDARIES IN MISSISSAUGA

- **University of Toronto Mississauga**
- Sheridan College - Hazel McCallion Campus
- triOS College
- Lambton College
- CDI College – Mississauga
- CIMT College – Mississauga
- Mississauga Career College
- Mississauga College of Technology
- Mohawk College Mississauga Campus
- St Clair College @Acumen Mississauga Campus
- A1 Global College of Health, Business & Technology – Mississauga
- Evergreen College Mississauga
- Canadore College at Stanford Mississauga Campus
- Upper Highland College of Business and Technology
- Canadian Business College, Mississauga Campus



Promote lifelong learning and aim to ensure inclusive, quality education for all.



Promote inclusivity and ensure equal opportunities for all.

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Safety



# Safety in Mississauga

According to statistics Canada incident-crime statistics:

There were **51,139 actual incidents** in **Peel** and a rate of **3,408.14 incidents per 100,000 people** in **2023**. Up from **44,192 actual incidents** and a rate of **3,055.66 incidents per 100,000 people** in **2022**.

There were **737,246 actual incidents** in **Ontario** and a rate of **4,723.4 incidents per 100,000 people** in **2023**. Up from **672,285 actual incidents** and a rate of **4,438.99 incidents per 100,000 people** in **2022**.

Source: Statistics Canada

The crime severity index score:

**51.41**  
in **2023** up from **47.67** in **2022** for **Peel**

**60.88**  
in **2023** up from **58.81** in **2022** for **Ontario**

## FEELINGS OF SAFETY

According to the 2021 Peel Social Capital Report:

-  → **81%** believe their neighbourhood is safe for children to play
-  → **64%** believe their neighbourhood is safe to walk in at night
-  → **64%** have high confidence in police
-  → **48%** have high confidence in the justice system and courts
-  → **85%** are satisfied (very/somewhat) with fire and emergency services  
*(2023, City of Mississauga, Citizen of Satisfaction Report)*

Source: Peel Social Capital Report and City of Mississauga

## CRIME IN PEEL

In 2023, police reports show:

- **13,487** people charged over 2022).
- **53,057** criminal code violations (up 19% over 2022).
- **23** homicide victims (down 23% over 2022).
- **833** robberies (up 8.5% over 2022).
- **2,842** break and enters (up 27% over 2022).
- **1,257** sexual violations (up 9.4% over 2022).
- **8,322** auto thefts (up 37.7% over 2022).
- **3,926** thefts from vehicles (down 5.9% over 2022).
- **50** shooting victims (down 14% over 2022).
- **9,570** domestic disputes with an intimate partner (up 3% over 2022).
- **4,235** reports of mischief (up 23.9% over 2022).
- **30** motor vehicle collision deaths (down 19% over 2022).

Source: Peel Regional Police



Promote health and well-being for all.



Create inclusive, safe, and sustainable cities.



Promote peaceful and safe societies, with access to justice and accountable institutions.

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# Sports and Recreation



# Sports and Recreation in Mississauga

**There are a variety of sports and recreation programs for all ages**, including creative learning (dance, drama, music, art), fitness, golf, sports leagues, personal training, skating and hockey, and swimming.

Source: Active Mississauga

## MISSISSAUGA RECREATION

As of 2021, Mississauga Recreation operates and programs:

- **12 major community centres**
- **12 minor centres**
- **13 arenas** representing **25 ice pads**
- partnerships for the use of **239 soccer fields**
- **124 ball diamonds**
- **13 fitness and active living centres**, including **7 club-format fitness centres**
- **12 indoor aquatic centres** that collectively provide **19 tanks**
- **7 outdoor pools**
- **14 gymnasiums**
- **61 multi-purpose activity spaces**
- **112 auditoriums** of varying size within community centres, libraries, and other facilities

Source: City of Mississauga

**In 2023, satisfaction with recreation services in Mississauga was at 75%, down from 85% in 2019.**

Satisfaction with variety of programs was at 71% compared to 82% in 2019.

Source: City of Mississauga

## RECREATION FUNDING

In 2020, **Recreation Mississauga had \$0.2M in membership sales.**

**Total grant funding was at \$0.6M** with a \$1.57 :1 revenue to part-time labour ratio. In April 2024, **Ontario announced a new \$200 million Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund** to support new and upgraded sport and recreation facilities.

In 2021, **\$22,424,000** was budgeted for Aquatics Fitness Therapeutic & Community Programs, **\$16,477,000** to REC Divisional Support Services, **\$47,920,000** to Recreation Facilities & Programs.

Mississauga’s fee assistance program **ActiveAssist** gives **residents in low-income households and newcomers with refugee status access to recreation and culture programs.**

**The Community Grant** supports registered groups delivering programs and services that **keep Mississauga residents active, healthy, and engaged in their communities through recreation and sport**, parks and forestry or environmental activities.

Source: City of Mississauga and Government of Ontario



Support healthy lifestyles and promote mental and physical wellbeing for all.



Promote inclusivity and ensure equal opportunities for all.



Create inclusive, safe, and sustainable cities with access to basic services and opportunities for all.



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Standard of Living



# Standard of Living in Mississauga

In 2020, among Mississaugans ages 15+ **the individual median after-tax income was \$35,600** lower than that of **Ontario at \$37,200**.

Among Mississauga **households the median after-tax income was \$89,000** higher than that of **Ontario at \$79,500**.

Source: Statistics Canada

**Prevalence of low income** based on the Low-income measure, after tax (LIM-AT) was **9.4 in 2020 for Mississauga**. Lower than **10.1 for Ontario** and **11.1 in Canada**

Low-income rates were **higher among those under the age of 17 at 11.9 in Mississauga**, 11.5 in Ontario, and 11.9 in Canada. Similar to that of those 65+ at **11.8 in Mississauga**, **12.1 in Ontario** and **15 in Canada**.

Source: Statistics Canada

## POVERTY IN PEEL

In 2021, **123,660 (8.6%)** of Peel's population **lived in poverty**, including **27,900 (9.5%) children** 0-17 years.

In 2021, **19.8%** of Peel residents were marginally, moderately, or severely **food insecure**.

Peel Region's 2022 living wage rate **was \$23.15/hr.**

Source: Region of Peel

## FOOD BANKS MISSISSAUGA

In November 2024, the City of Mississauga declared food insecurity a state of emergency. City council passed a motion recognizing that a significant number of residents are lacking access to safe and nutritious food and calls for an increase in the city's Food Security Emergency Response Fund.

From June 2023 to May 2024, **Food Banks Mississauga and its agency network served 58% more neighbours than the previous year, almost 200% more than pre-pandemic**. The fastest-growing rate of food bank usage in Ontario.

**56,267 neighbours (8% of Mississauga's population)**, or 1 in 13 Mississauga residents, used the food bank in 2023-24. **28% were children**.

**There were 421,251 food bank visits, and a total of 9,183,447 lbs. of food distributed.**

Source: Food Banks Mississauga and CTV

**Pop-Up Food Bank served 13,793 individuals and 1,569 households.**

→ Brings free, fresh fruit and vegetables and more to high-priority neighbourhoods, giving them the opportunity to 'shop' for what they need.

**Food Bank 2Home served 753 individuals and 508 households**

→ The Delivery Program brings custom food orders directly to homebound neighbours.

**The ReclaimFRESH Food Rescue Program helped rescue over 2,530,271 pounds of food.**

→ Works with local farmers, producers, and grocery stores to rehome food that would be wasted.

Source: Food Banks Mississauga



**1 NO POVERTY**  
Ensure access to basic needs and provide supports to vulnerable populations.



**2 ZERO HUNGER**  
Aim to end hunger, achieve food security, and promote sustainable agriculture.



**8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH**  
Support job creation and sustain economic growth, full and productive employment, and decent work for all.



**10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES**  
Promote inclusivity and ensure equal opportunities for all.

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Transportation



# Transportation in Mississauga

## MISSISSAUGA TRANSPORTATION

**454 km total cycling network** - The City of Mississauga initiated a project in 2017 to update the 2010 Cycling Master Plan that is now completed. There are **54km of Bicycle lanes, 88km of boulevard multi-use trails, 221km of off-road multi-use trails, and 91km of shared routes.**

**3 Major Railway Lines** - GO Transit is a regional public transit system serving Mississauga and the Greater Golden Horseshoe Region of Ontario, Canada. They connect the city with the rest of the region. Excluding Toronto’s Union Station, **Mississauga generates the most GO Train ridership of any municipality, with 21,000 passengers per day.** The Square One GO Bus terminal in Mississauga is the busiest bus terminal in the GO Transit network, with more weekday bus departures than any other terminal including Union Station.

**MiWay** – The municipal public transport agency serving Mississauga. From 2011 to 2016, **MiWay ridership grew by more than 15%**, serving a population of roughly **766,000 across 179 square km** in Mississauga. There are about **500 buses** servicing **65 transit routes.** Adult and youth single fare cash prices start at \$4.25, senior fares start at \$1. University of Toronto Mississauga students qualify for a U-Pass. The easiest way to pay fare on MiWay is with a PRESTO card, fares start at \$2.65 for youth and \$3.40 for adults.

**7 Major Highways** – Mississauga is the only city in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) serviced by seven major highways. As part of the Toronto Region, Mississauga is interconnected by **587km** of major provincial highway networks and five municipal highways.

**Toronto Pearson International Airport** – The largest airport in Canada. In 2023, passenger activity increased by 25.8% compared to 2022 with nearly 45 million passengers. As of 2021, directly and indirectly supports over 250,000 jobs in Mississauga, compared to an estimated 86,000 jobs for the Region of Peel in 2016. Source: Invest Mississauga and City of Mississauga and Toronto Pearson

In Mississauga:

- **61%** satisfied with Road Services in 2023 (down from 69% in 2019).
- **52%** cyclists satisfied with roads in 2023 (up from 50% in 2019).
- **73%** find it easy to get around in 2023 (down from 76% in 2019).

Source: City of Mississauga

## MODE OF TRANSPORTATION

In 2021, **the main mode of commuting for the Mississauga employed labour force** with a usual place of work or no fixed workplace address was:

- **82.7% as a driver or passenger in a car**
- 11.4% using public transportation
- 2.9% walking
- 0.3% cycling
- 2.7% using another method

**63%** of trips took between 15-44 minutes.

Source: Statistics Canada

## TRANSIT SAFETY

According to City of Mississauga statistics, **there have been 232 assaults on MiWay buses**, from 2018 to the first four months of 2023.

MiWay reported 47 assaults in 2018, 53 in 2019, 37 in 2020, 29 in 2021, 42 in 2022, and 24 in the first four months of 2023.

Source: Insauga



Promote health and well-being for all.



Build resilient and sustainable infrastructure.



Create inclusive, safe, and sustainable cities.



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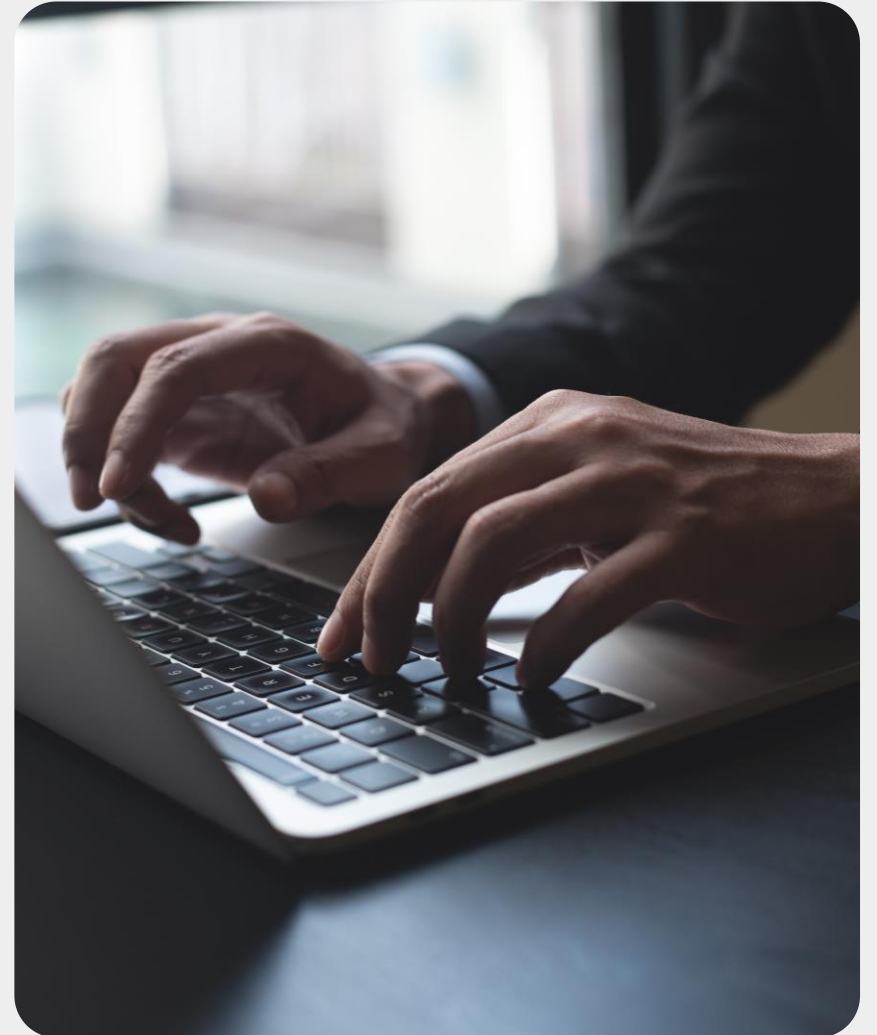
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