

POSITIVE MENTAL HEALTH SURVEILLANCE INDICATOR FRAMEWORK

QUICK STATS, YOUTH (12 TO 17 YEARS OF AGE), CANADA, 2024 EDITION

INDICATOR GROUP	INDICATOR MEASURE(S)	LATEST DATA	DATA SOURCE (YEAR)
POSITIVE MENTAL HEALTH OUTCOMES			
Self-rated mental health	Percentage (%) of population aged 12–17 years who report their mental health is "very good" or "excellent"	58.1%	CCHS (2022)
Happiness	Percentage (%) of population aged 12–17 years who report being usually "happy and interested in life"	73.0%	CCHS (2020)
Life satisfaction	Percentage (%) of population aged 12–17 years who report they are very satisfied with their life in general	43.4%	CCHS (2022)
	Mean life satisfaction rating (0-10 scale) for population aged 12–17 years	8.0	CCHS (2022)
Psychological well-being	Percentage (%) of population aged 12–17 years who have high autonomy	80.8%	CHSCY (2019)
	Percentage (%) of population aged 12–17 years who have high competence	84.3%	CHSCY (2019)
Social well-being	Percentage (%) of population aged 12–17 years who have high relatedness	89.3%	CHSCY (2019)
INDIVIDUAL DETERMINANTS			
Resilience	In development		
Coping	Percentage (%) of population aged 12–17 years who report a high level of coping	75.5%	CCHS (2019)
Nurturing childhood environment	Percentage (%) of grade 6–10 students who report usually having meals together with their family "every day" or "most days"	80.0%	HBSC (2022)
	Percentage (%) of grade 6–10 students who report their family is willing to help them make decisions	65.7%	HBSC (2022)
Control and self-efficacy	Percentage (%) of population aged 15–17 years who report a high level of perceived control over life chances	45.0%	GSS Social Networks (2008)
Violence	Percentage (%) of grade 6–10 students who report they were in a physical fight at least once in the past 12 months	31.0%	HBSC (2022)
	Percentage (%) of grade 7–12 students who report they have been bullied by other students in the past 30 days	23.0%	CSTADS (2018–2019)
	Percentage (%) of grade 7–12 students who report they have bullied other students in the past 30 days	12.0%	CSTADS (2018–2019)

Health status	Percentage (%) of population aged 12–17 years who report their health is "very good" or "excellent"	74.9%	CCHS (2022)
	Percentage (%) of population aged 12–17 with moderate to poor functional health, as per the Health Utilities Index (HUI)	18.4%	CCHS (2020)
Physical activity	Percentage (%) of population aged 12–17 years who meet physical activity recommendations by accumulating an average of at least 60 minutes of moderate-to-vigorous physical activity per day	35.6%	CHMS (2018-2019)
Substance use	Percentage (%) of grade 7–12 students who report they have had 5 or more drinks on at least one occasion in the past 30 days	14.3%	CSTADS (2018-2019)
	Percentage (%) of grade 7–12 students who report using cannabis at least once a week in the last 30 days	5.4%	CSTADS (2018-2019)
Spirituality	Percentage (%) of population aged 15–17 years who report that religious or spiritual beliefs are "very important" or "somewhat important" to the way they live their life	48.4%	GSS Family (2017)

FAMILY DETERMINANTS

Family relationships	Percentage (%) of grade 6–10 students who report it is "very easy" or "easy" to talk to their parents about things that really bother them	78.6%	HBSC (2022)
	Percentage (%) of grade 6–10 students who have high communication in their family	58.3%	HBSC (2013-2014)
Parenting style	Percentage (%) of grade 6–10 students who report their parents/guardians trust them	71.2%	HBSC (2022)
	Percentage (%) of grade 6–10 students who report their parents/guardians expect too much from them	28.2%	HBSC (2022)
Family health status and substance use by family members	Percentage (%) of population aged 15–17 years with one or more family members who have problems with their emotions, mental health, or use of alcohol or drugs	31.1%	MHACS (2022)
	Among population aged 15–17 years with one or more family members who have problems with their emotions, mental health, or use of alcohol or drugs, percentage (%) who report that their life is affected "some" or "a lot" by their family member's problems	31.3%	MHACS (2022)
Household composition	Percentage (%) of population aged 12–17 years living in a lone parent household	22.1%	CCHS (2022)
	Percentage (%) of population aged 12–17 years living in a two-parent household	66.3%	CCHS (2022)
Household income	Percentage (%) of population under the age of 18 years who live below low-income cut-offs, after tax	5.1%	CIS (2022)

COMMUNITY DETERMINANTS

Community involvement	Percentage (%) of grade 6–10 students who are involved in at least one club or organization	83.3%	HBSC (2022)
Social networks	Percentage (%) of grade 6–10 students who report they can count on their friends when things go wrong	58.3%	HBSC (2022)
	Percentage (%) of grade 6–10 students who have friends to share their happy and sad feelings with	56.3%	HBSC (2022)
Social support	Percentage (%) of population aged 12–17 years with a high level of perceived social support	93.6%	CCHS (2021)
School environment	Percentage (%) of grade 6–10 students who "agree" or "strongly agree" that they feel they belong at their school	51.4%	HBSC (2022)
Neighbourhood social environment	Percentage (%) of grade 6–10 students who report they trust the people in the area where they live	56.8%	HBSC (2022)
	Percentage (%) of population aged 15–17 years who report that their neighbourhood is a place where neighbours help each other	90.4%	GSS Victimization (2014)
	Percentage (%) of population aged 15–17 years who report that social disorder in their neighbourhood is "a big problem" or "a moderate problem"	6.3%	GSS Victimization (2014)
Neighbourhood built environment	Percentage (%) of population aged 12–17 years who report that their neighbourhood has several free or low cost recreation facilities	89.5%	CCHS (2017) Barriers to Physical Activity Rapid Response

SOCIETY DETERMINANTS

Inequality	In development		
Discrimination and stigma	Percentage (%) of population aged 12–17 years who experienced unfair treatment at least once in the past year based on characteristics such as gender, race, age, or appearance	39.1%	CCHS (2013) Discrimination Rapid Response

Data Sources (Abbreviations): Canadian Community Health Survey (CCHS); Canadian Health Measures Survey (CHMS); Canadian Health Survey on Children and Youth (CHSCY); Canadian Income Survey (CIS); Canadian Student Tobacco, Alcohol and Drugs Survey (CSTADS); General Social Survey (GSS); Health Behaviour in School-Aged Children (HBSC); Mental Health and Access to Care Survey (MHACS).

Note: "In development" refers to measures that are under development either because a data source is currently not available or because more research has to be done to identify a promising measure and data source.

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