

BELONGING AND INCLUSION



Greater Peterborough 's VitalSigns 2015

'Community' means different things to each of us; whether it's our families and neighbourhoods, our public spaces or social groups that make up our communities, we all want to feel like we belong. That sense of belonging, of being a part of something larger than ourselves, comes from being welcomed, connected to and engaged in our communities.

A vital community is one where everyone has opportunities to feel like they belong. A sense of belonging strengthens our community: it makes us healthier, happier and more resilient. When we feel like we belong, we're more likely to take on responsibility, participate in problem solving and build social networks. A sense of belonging can even strengthen our economy.

Being marginalized or excluded can result in some members of the community feeling less welcome and having fewer opportunities to participate. Inclusion is the process of addressing marginalization by reducing barriers to community engagement, so that everyone can share a sense of belonging in our community. Inclusion is a complex and evolving process that requires action from all sectors of society.

In Greater Peterborough, there are many individuals and organizations committed to building inclusion in our community. For more information on these actions, and how you can get involved, visit cftp.ca/vitalsigns.

"Belonging comes from having places and events where people gather, share experiences and make connections."

"The best thing about Greater Peterborough is our high level of community connectedness."

"To me, inclusion means everyone must be able to participate in the community."



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Vital Signs® is a snapshot of our community that measures the vitality of Greater Peterborough, identifies needs, strengths and trends, and supports action on issues that are critical to our quality of life.

For more information on data sources and to see past years' Vital Signs® reports, visit cfgp.ca/vitalsigns.

SENSE OF BELONGING

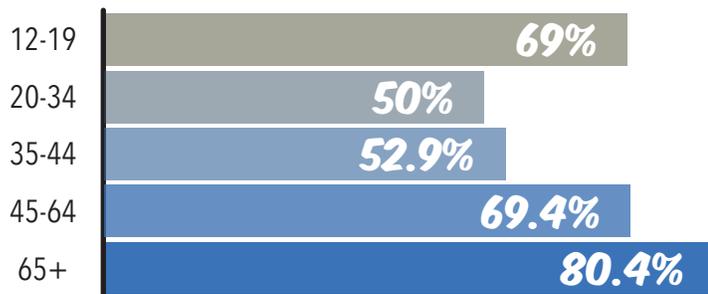
Proportion of the population (aged 12+) reporting a strong or somewhat strong sense of community belonging in 2014.

Greater Peterborough	Ontario	Canada
66.2%	68.2%	66.4%

GREATER PETERBOROUGH'S SENSE OF BELONGING HAS DECREASED 9.8% SINCE 2003.

AGE

Proportion of the population reporting a strong or somewhat strong sense of community belonging in 2014 by age.



In a 2015 survey conducted by the Peterborough Council on Aging in Greater Peterborough, 56% of respondents indicated that they were concerned about respect and social inclusion as they age.

75.1%



61.1%

INCOME

75.1% of people from higher income households reported a strong or somewhat strong sense of community belonging in 2011/2012, compared to **61.1% of people from lower income households**.

TRANSPORTATION

The yearly cost of owning and operating a vehicle:



People who earn less than the median employment income are **10X more likely to ride transit** to work than those who earn more.

People who use public transit have limited access to transportation on holidays, with few options for getting around in the County of Peterborough.

FYI: Belonging is one of the top three concerns for immigrant integration in Greater Peterborough, along with employment opportunities and affordable housing. 72% of respondents to a 2014 Peterborough Partnership Council on Immigrant Integration survey felt that in the past five years, Greater Peterborough has become a more welcoming and supportive community for Newcomers.



GENDER

Proportion of Transgender people in Ontario who reported avoiding public spaces because of a fear of harassment in 2014.

67%

180

The number of individuals who participated in the Gender Journeys Program in 2014.

Gender Journeys is a project of the Canadian Mental Health Association (Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge) for people who identify as transgender or gender diverse, and their loved ones, funded by the Ontario Trillium Foundation.

ABILITY

Proportion of the population who reported experiencing a limitation to their participation and activity level because of a physical, mental or health condition in 2014.

45%



Along with local donors and community partners, CFGP is invested in making Greater Peterborough a more inclusive, vital community. With the support of CFGP's 2015 community grants...

Peterborough Partners for Wellness is developing a local project to strengthen community leadership and civic engagement.



Heads Up for Inclusion is building community awareness of the Amigos program.



The Community Opportunity & Innovation Network is supporting 'ReMaking a Living', a project assisting discouraged workers to gain meaningful work.



Peterborough Poverty Reduction Network is providing recreational programs for children facing economic barriers in downtown Peterborough.



The YES Shelter for Youth and Families is initiating a process to create safe and inclusive spaces for young people, with a special emphasis on LGBTQQ2S youth.



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Inspiring giving to build a vital community for everyone.

To find out more about the Community Foundation of Greater Peterborough and how you can contribute to building our vital community, contact CFGP:

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