

COUNTY OF HALIBURTON**Community Safety & Well-Being Plan****REVIEW AND SURVEY**

Welcome and thank you for your interest in completing the Community Safety and Well-Being survey for Haliburton County.

This survey is hosted by the County on behalf of the township of Algonquin Highlands, the municipality of Highlands East, the municipality of Dysart et al, and the township of Minden Hills, as part of the Community Safety and Well-Being Plan review and update. This survey will help us understand the current state of well-being and feelings of safety across the County. It will be open from July 27, 2026, and close on September 11, 2026.

Respondents who provide an email or mailing address will be entered into a raffle to win 1 of 10 \$25 President's Choice gift cards.

This survey will take about 10-15 minutes to complete. We will ask you questions about your experiences, perceptions, and priorities for the following topics:

- **Crime and Safety**
- **Employment**
- **Health**
- **Housing**
- **Education**
- **Neighbourhood and Community Supports**

To learn more about Community Safety and Well-Being in Haliburton County, refer to the current CSWB plan or download a copy, please visit HaliburtonCounty.ca/CSWB

Your participation in this survey is voluntary, and you can refuse to participate or withdraw from the survey at any time. Completed paper surveys can be dropped off at your local municipal office or library, or mailed to the County Office, located at P.O. Box 399, 11 Newcastle Street, Minden ON, K0M 2K0.

Your responses will be kept anonymous and confidential by grouping responses together and by removing any identifying information. By completing and submitting this survey, you are providing your consent for participation.

Content Warning:

The following survey includes questions on wellbeing and community safety and sometimes covers topics related to substance use, police and policing, financial and housing instability, and emotional violence.

If you believe that this survey will be traumatizing for you, you do not have to complete it.

Instead, please free to share your thoughts, questions or concerns by email CSWB@haliburtoncounty.ca

Haliburton County Community Safety and Well-Being Plan Review: Community Survey

POPULATION / INDIVIDUAL INFORMATION

Geography

1. **Where in the County do you live?**

If you are not a resident of Haliburton County, but own a business, please select where the business is located from the options below.

- ☐ Algonquin Highlands ☐ Dysart et al ☐ I do not live in the region
☐ Highlands East ☐ Minden Hills

Education

2. **What is your highest level of education?**

- ☐ Graduate Degree ☐ High School or Equivalent
☐ Some Post-Secondary ☐ Less than High School
☐ Completed Post-Secondary ☐ Prefer not to say

Financial Security and Employment

3. **How would you describe your employment status?** (Select all that apply)

- ☐ I am steadily employed at a single job
☐ I am currently unemployed
☐ I am currently, or often work more than one job at a time
☐ I am employed on a seasonal basis
☐ I am often without paid work
☐ I am retired
☐ Prefer not to say

Financial Security and Employment (cont'd)

4. How would you describe your compensation?

(Note: A living wage is the hourly wage a person needs to earn to cover their basic expenses and participate in their community)

- ☐ I currently earn a minimum wage (\$17.60/hour) at my current employment
- ☐ I currently earn between \$17.60/hour and \$22.20/hour at my current employment
- ☐ I currently earn a living wage (\$22.20/hour or more) at my current employment
- ☐ I am unemployed
- ☐ Prefer not to say

5. If applicable, please select which government financial support you currently receive or have received in the past 3 years:

(Select all that apply)

- ☐ I do not receive any government financial support
 - ☐ Ontario Works
 - ☐ Ontario Disability Support Program
 - ☐ Canada Child Benefit
 - ☐ Employment Insurance
 - ☐ Old Age Security
 - ☐ Canada Pension Plan
 - ☐ Prefer not to say
 - ☐ Other:
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6. What is your total household income (as reported on your 2024-2025 income tax return)?

- ☐ Less than \$17,999
- ☐ \$18,000 to \$19,999
- ☐ \$20,000 to \$34,999
- ☐ \$35,000 to \$49,999
- ☐ \$50,000 to \$74,999
- ☐ \$75,000 to \$99,000
- ☐ \$120,000 to \$149,000
- ☐ \$150,000 or more
- ☐ Prefer not to say

Housing

7. How would you describe your housing status? (Select all that apply)

- ☐ I live in a home that is secure, safe, and in good repair, and will for the foreseeable future
- ☐ I live in a home that is NOT secure, safe or in good repair
- ☐ I own my home
- ☐ I rent my home
- ☐ I am homeless or living in unsafe and insecure conditions
(i.e. condemned building, street, personal car)
- ☐ I have been temporarily residing with a friend or family member as I look for housing
- ☐ I was evicted from my home due to the sale of the property
- ☐ Prefer not to say

**8. If you are housed, how much of your income do you spend on housing-related costs?
(e.g. rent, mortgage, utilities)**

- ☐ I spend less than 30% of my monthly income on housing costs
- ☐ I spend more than 30% of my monthly income on housing costs
- ☐ I am currently living with a friend or family member rent-free
- ☐ I don't know
- ☐ Prefer not to say

9. If you are not currently housed, how long have you been without housing?

Community

10. What does community safety mean to you?

11. How would you describe your sense of community belonging? (Note: belonging refers to your sense of closeness and connection to your community and neighbours, and your ability to join in and take part in community activities)

- ☐ I very strongly feel like I belong
- ☐ I strongly feel like I belong
- ☐ I can't say one way or another
- ☐ I don't feel like I belong
- ☐ I very strongly feel like I don't belong
- ☐ Prefer not to say

12. What contributes to your sense of community belonging? If you feel you don't belong, what contributes to that feeling?

Physical Health

13. How would you describe your physical health and access to health care services?

(Select all that apply)

- ☐ I have a family doctor and/or other consistent health care provider
- ☐ I suffer from a chronic disease that requires ongoing treatment over a long period of time (i.e. diabetes, asthma, dementia, epilepsy, HIV/AIDS, heart disease, MS, etc.)
- ☐ I have a physical impairment or disability
- ☐ I have not been able to find and access a family doctor and/or other consistent health care provider
- ☐ I am in a good state of physical health, and do not require additional support
- ☐ Prefer not to say

Mental Health

14. How would you describe the state of your mental health?

(Select all that apply)

- ☐ I suspect or know I have a mental health problem or cognitive impairment
- ☐ I am taking prescribed medication for a mental health disorder as instructed by my doctor
- ☐ I am currently accessing resources and/or services to support my mental health (i.e. involved in counselling, seeing a psychologist, etc.)
- ☐ I am in a good state of mental health, and I do not require any mental health support
- ☐ Prefer not to say

Substance Use

15. How would you characterize your use of substances (i.e. drugs and alcohol)?

- ☐ I suspect or know I have a substance use disorder (i.e. drugs and alcohol)
- ☐ I have caused myself harm by consuming too much alcohol or illegal/prescription drugs
- ☐ I have lived with others who often consume too much alcohol or illegal/prescription drugs
- ☐ I am currently accessing resources and/or services to support my substance use (i.e. involved in counselling, seeing a psychologist, addictions counseling, etc.)
- ☐ I do not experience any challenges related to the misuse of substances
- ☐ Prefer not to say

Seniors

16. Which of the following statements about seniors in your community are true?

(Note: Social isolation is a lack of social connections like friends or family, which can lead to loneliness and health issues.)

- ☐ I am, or I know a senior living in isolation
- ☐ I am, or I know a senior who has experienced abuse
- ☐ I am, or know a senior who is living in poverty
- ☐ Prefer not to say

Crime and Safety

17. How do you feel about your personal safety in your community?

- ☐ I feel very safe
- ☐ I feel relatively safe
- ☐ I feel neither safe nor unsafe
- ☐ I feel unsafe
- ☐ I feel very unsafe
- ☐ I prefer not to say

18. What would increase your feelings of safety?

(Select all that apply)

- ☐ I already feel safe
- ☐ Better community design (e.g. more lighting, more sidewalks, more public space, etc.)
- ☐ More community services to prevent/reduce crimes and criminal activity
- ☐ Seeing police officers more frequently around the community
- ☐ Seeing police officers less frequently around the community
- ☐ Prefer not to say
- ☐ Other: _____

ACCESS TO SERVICES

19. Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with the following statements around supports and services provided in your community. Your answers should reflect your immediate community, and whether you could access these services if you ever required them.
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My community has satisfactory education opportunities and programming for children and youth (e.g. special education, French immersion, ESL, music, arts, STEM, etc.).

☐ Strongly Agree ☐ Agree ☐ I don't know ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly Disagree

My community has satisfactory education opportunities and services for adults (ESL, continued learning, etc.).

☐ Strongly Agree ☐ Agree ☐ I don't know ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly Disagree

My community has satisfactory financial assistance opportunities and employment services.

☐ Strongly Agree ☐ Agree ☐ I don't know ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly Disagree

My community has satisfactory, stable employment opportunities that pay a living wage.

☐ Strongly Agree ☐ Agree ☐ I don't know ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly Disagree

My community has satisfactory housing and social supports including shelter.

☐ Strongly Agree ☐ Agree ☐ I don't know ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly Disagree

My community has satisfactory green and park spaces, sidewalks, and recreation and leisure activities and spaces.

☐ Strongly Agree ☐ Agree ☐ I don't know ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly Disagree

My community has satisfactory healthcare.

☐ Strongly Agree ☐ Agree ☐ I don't know ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly Disagree

My community has satisfactory infrastructure to support active living (e.g. gym, recreation centers, bike trails, walking trails, etc.).

☐ Strongly Agree ☐ Agree ☐ I don't know ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly Disagree

My community has satisfactory mental health and well-being supports and services.

☐ Strongly Agree ☐ Agree ☐ I don't know ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly Disagree

My community has satisfactory supports for substance misuse issues including addiction and family services.

☐ Strongly Agree ☐ Agree ☐ I don't know ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly Disagree

ACCESS TO SERVICES (cont'd)

My community has satisfactory policing and enforcement.

☐ Strongly Agree ☐ Agree ☐ I don't know ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly Disagree

My community has satisfactory victim services and supports (legal services, counselling, etc.)

☐ Strongly Agree ☐ Agree ☐ I don't know ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly Disagree

My community has satisfactory services for 2SLGBTQ+ individuals.

☐ Strongly Agree ☐ Agree ☐ I don't know ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly Disagree

My community has satisfactory services for children and youth (e.g. childcare, breakfast programs, after-school programs, etc.).

☐ Strongly Agree ☐ Agree ☐ I don't know ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly Disagree

My community has satisfactory services for seniors.

☐ Strongly Agree ☐ Agree ☐ I don't know ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly Disagree

My community has satisfactory services for Indigenous peoples.

☐ Strongly Agree ☐ Agree ☐ I don't know ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly Disagree

My community has satisfactory services for newcomers.

☐ Strongly Agree ☐ Agree ☐ I don't know ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly Disagree

My community has satisfactory services for persons with disabilities.

☐ Strongly Agree ☐ Agree ☐ I don't know ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly Disagree

ACCESS TO SERVICES (cont'd)

20. Which issues require the most attention to improve quality of life, safety, and well-being in your community? Please select at most 10 options.

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| ☐ Employment Skills Development | ☐ Legal or prescription drug misuse |
| ☐ Specialized education programs | ☐ Mental health issues |
| ☐ Access to income supports | ☐ Suicide |
| ☐ Employment opportunities | ☐ Bullying/harassment in the community |
| ☐ Poverty | ☐ Bullying/harassment in schools |
| ☐ Public Transportation | ☐ Bullying/harassment in the workplace |
| ☐ Rising costs of energy and energy security
(i.e. heating, air conditioning, etc.) | ☐ Crime prevention |
| ☐ Protection for workers | ☐ Emotional violence in homes
(i.e. controlling behaviour, name
calling, yelling, belittling, bullying,
intentional ignoring, etc.) |
| ☐ Access to affordable leisure activities for children
(i.e. sports, camps, etc.) | ☐ Intimate partner/domestic abuse |
| ☐ Access to social/support services | ☐ Support for victims |
| ☐ Housing (e.g. availability of housing to rent or buy) | ☐ Systemic discrimination |
| ☐ Affordable and/or attainable housing | ☐ Accessibility and support for persons
with disabilities |
| ☐ Homelessness | ☐ Child abuse and/or neglect |
| ☐ Preparing for climate change impacts | ☐ Childcare |
| ☐ Resident and community safety | ☐ Elder abuse |
| ☐ Traffic safety | ☐ Support and programs for seniors |
| ☐ Active Transportation (e.g. sidewalks, bike paths, etc.) | ☐ Support for 2SLGBTQ+ communities |
| ☐ Access to physical health services | ☐ Support for 2SLGBTQ+ communities |
| ☐ Food Security | ☐ Support for Indigenous peoples |
| ☐ Long-term care | ☐ Support for newcomers |
| ☐ Public health supports and infrastructure | ☐ Support for racialized persons |
| ☐ Access to addiction services | ☐ Support for youth who are vulnerable /
at-risk |
| ☐ Access to mental health services | ☐ Internet access and connectivity |
| ☐ Access to active living (e.g. parks, trails, swimming areas) | ☐ Other: _____ |
| ☐ Alcohol abuse | |
| ☐ Illegal drug use | |

DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

21. What is your racial or ethnic identify? Please select all that apply:

- ☐ Black
- ☐ East or Southeast Asian
- ☐ Indigenous (First Nations, Métis, Inuk/Inuit)
- ☐ Latino or Hispanic
- ☐ Middle Eastern
- ☐ South Asian
- ☐ White or Caucasian
- ☐ Prefer not to say
- ☐ Other _____

22. What gender do you identify as?

- ☐ Female
- ☐ Male
- ☐ Neither Male or Female (Non-Binary)
- ☐ Prefer not to say
- ☐ Other _____

23. Do you identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, two-spirited, etc. (2SLGBTQ+)?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Prefer not to say
- ☐ Other _____

24. Approximately how many years have you been living in this community?

- ☐ 0 to 2 years
- ☐ 2 to 5 years
- ☐ 5 to 10 years
- ☐ 10+ years

DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION (Cont'd)

25. The region is home to both full-time and part-time/seasonal residents. Please select the option below that best describes you:

- ☐ Full-time resident
- ☐ I am a part-time resident
- ☐ I am an international student
- ☐ I am a Temporary Foreign Worker/Seasonal Agricultural Worker
- ☐ I am not a resident of the region, but I work here
- ☐ Prefer not to say
- ☐ Other _____

26. Is there anything else that you would like to comment on that has not been covered in this survey?

27. To enter into the draw, please provide an email address or phone number.

(Note: Providing this information is optional, but required if you would like to enter the raffle. This information will be kept confidential and is intended for gift card distribution only.)

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey!

We appreciate your feedback on community well-being in Haliburton County.

Your response will be anonymously submitted.

Want to learn more about the plan or provide additional comments?

Please contact CSWB@haliburtoncounty.ca