

Institute - 2025 Update



Neighbourhood Building Blocks: Regional Attachment Strategies for Team-Based Primary Care

- *Year 2 of a 3 year projected funded by INSPIRE-PHC – Province of Ontario*
- Year 1 – collaboration with Frontenac Lennox Addington (FLA) Ontario Health Team (OHT) to establish aggregate dissemination areas (ADAs) as an ideal starting neighbourhood building block
- Year 2 (2025) - In collaboration with OCHPP we applied the “ADA building block” to two neighbouring OHT’s - Lennox Leeds Grenville & Hastings Prince Edward (LLG, HPE). Working with LLG and HPE to create their OHT neighbourhood profiles along with corresponding neighbourhood sociodemographic, health utilization and primary care attachment data to support health system planning.



Data — Frontenac Lennox and Addington - OHT

Data Topic Category

Census-based population denominators ^

Census Variables

Socio-demographic, Census Canada

Income
Households and Dwellings
Population Characteristics

Registered Persons Database (RPDB)-based population denominators

Adult Health Indicators

Primary Care

Attachment to Primary Care:

- Attachment Status: Attached
- Attachment Status: Uncertainly Attached

Adult Health and Disease

Diabetes

Asthma

High Blood Pressure

Mental Health and Addiction-related Visits

Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease

2+ Chronic Conditions

4+ Chronic Conditions

Emergency Department (ED) Care Visits Indicators

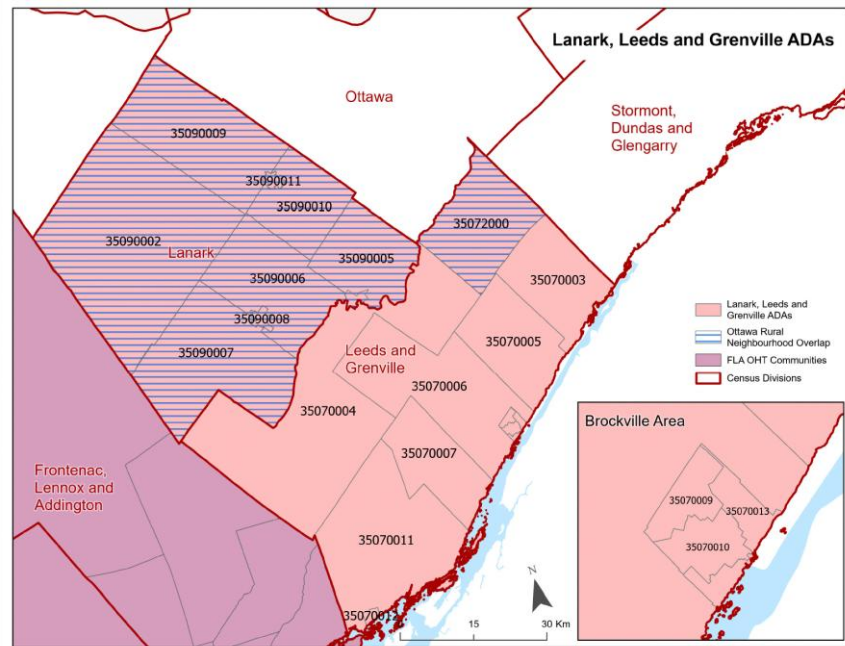
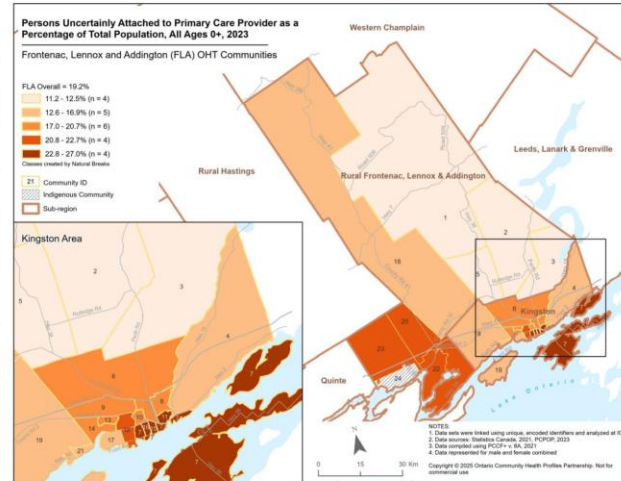
Emergency Department Care

- All Emergency Department (ED) visits
 - ED visits by High Urgency (HU)
 - ED visits by Low Urgency (LU)
- Mental Health and Addiction-related ED visits

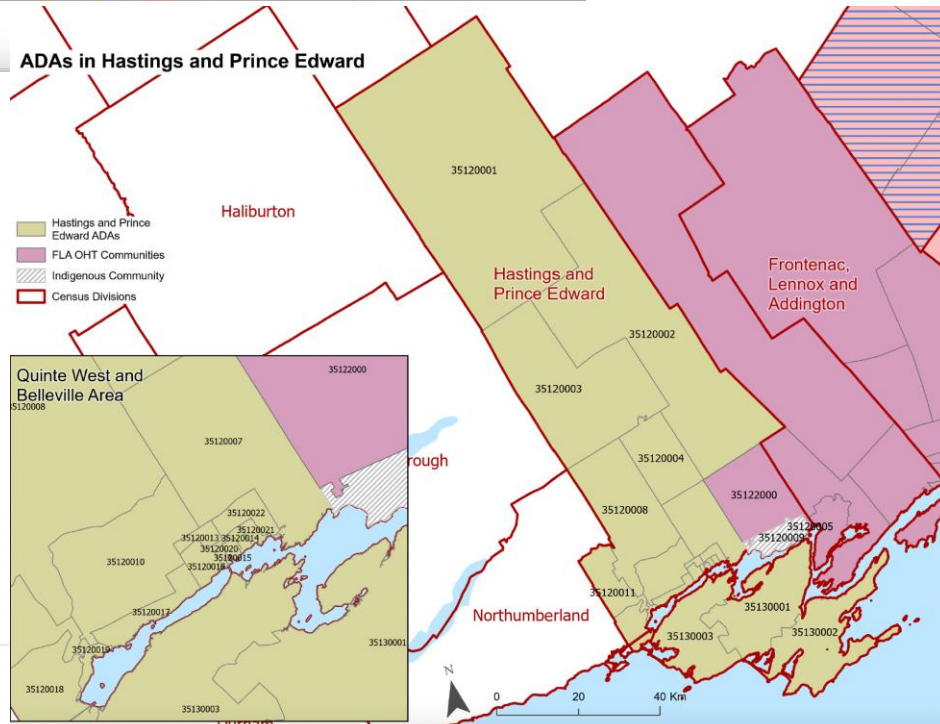
Hospital Related Conditions Indicators

Hospital Admissions

All Hospital Admissions
Medical Hospital Admissions
Mental Health and Addiction-related Hospital Admissions
Ambulatory Care Sensitive Conditions (ACSC) Hospitalizations



ADAs in Hastings and Prince Edward

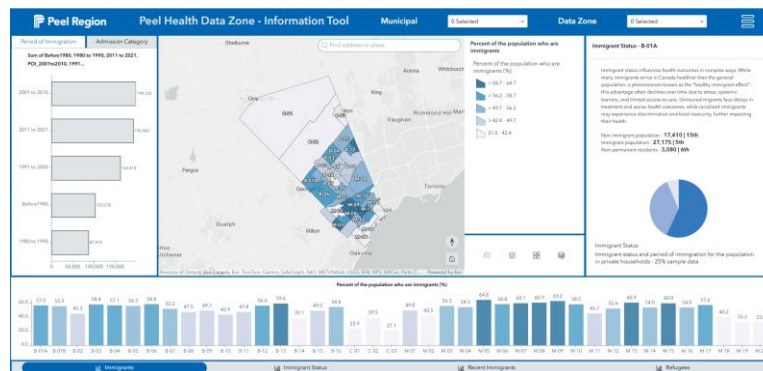


Priorities for 2026

- Establish a Neighbourhood Mapping Community of Practice – bringing together any parties interested in or conducting neighbourhood mapping work (quarterly mtgs – share practices, discuss, ask questions ..);
- Survey of all OHTs to understand if and how OHTs are using neighbourhoods/neighbourhood data in their planning;
- Establish a foundational set of principles and approaches to support OHT's in their neighbourhood mapping – and work to ensure this is in alignment with Primary Care Action Teams (PCAT) and other organizational policies;
- Ideally (!) support all OHTs in mapping their neighbourhoods – starting with ADAs as the foundation building block.

Peel Public Health 2025 Update

- What is a new project or health-equity initiative that your organization implemented or is working on this year?
- Completed [Health Status Data Website](#) migration from Excel to Power BI
- Enhanced the [Peel Health Data Zone Information Tool](#) with new indicators and a refreshed design



Priorities for 2026 – Peel Public Health

- What data, products, tools or related initiatives from OCHPP would be most helpful in your work?
- Downloadable data at the Ontario Health Central Local Area-level that can be easily aggregated to other levels of geography

Lanark Leeds & Grenville Ontario Health Team-Update

What is a new project or health-equity initiative that your organization implemented or is working on this year?

1. Standardizing SDOH Data: Collaborating with partners to align how SDOH information is captured, embedding this work across clinical priority working groups
2. Population Health Focus: Using data to better understand and respond to the needs of priority population: MHA, LLP, Unattached
3. Community Level Insights: Working alongside OCHPP on boundary mapping to define meaningful local communities. This work included pulling health indicators to support more precise planning that is reflective of communities in our OHT

Priorities for 2026

What data, products, tools or related initiatives from OCHPP would be most helpful in your work?

OCHPP has been supportive in our boundary mapping work, helping our OHT curate maps overlaid with meaningful health indicators to guide planning. Continued examples of how other OHTs have used OCHPP data would be valuable to help develop practical use cases in LLG

ConnexOntario: 2024-2025 Update

- **Enhanced Support:** Update our service model to more effectively support individuals in distress or crisis across Ontario, including improved collection of race-based data.
- **Ocean's E-Referral Launch:** Implement the e-referral system to close the client loop, ensuring follow-up rejected referrals.
- **Database Program Expansion:** Extend outreach efforts to broaden the range and quality of programs captured in our MHA database.
- **Website and Portal Redesign:** Refresh and modernize the public websites and professional E-Services portal for improved usability.

ConnexOntario Priorities for 2026

- **Expand the use of AI** to help people find services more effectively.
- **Further develop and expand the Navigation Model** to strengthen service connections.
- **Become more embedded in the system planning and formation** for mental health and addictions (MHA).

What data, products, tools or related initiatives from OCHPP would be most helpful in your work?

Leverage partnerships to stay informed or identify new initiatives and collaboration opportunities. **Collaboration on system planning:** Keep informing Ontario Health and funders with integrated, credible data.

TPH 2025 Update

What is a new project or health-equity initiative that your organization implemented or is working on this year?

- *Finalized the first launch of the Population Health Status Indicators dashboard post COVID-19*
- *The relaunch of the Deaths of People experiencing homelessness dashboard*

Toronto Population Health Status Indicators Dashboard

Population Health Status Indicators (PHSIs) summarize data used to measure health outcomes and behaviours at a population level. They provide an overview of health and well-being over time and across populations.

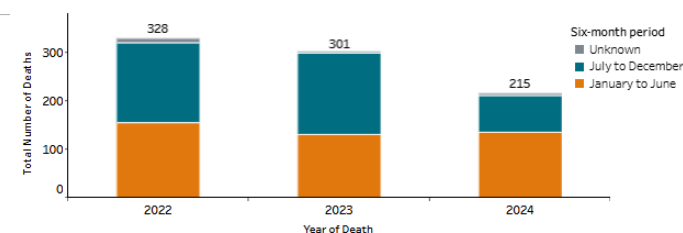
Toronto Public Health (TPH) reports on a series of PHSIs to support its mission to reduce health inequities and improve the health of the whole population. These indicators can be searched by topic through interactive dashboards. They are analyzed over time, by geography and by socio-demographic characteristics.



Deaths of People Experiencing Homelessness in Toronto

January 01, 2022 to December 31, 2024

Deaths of People Experiencing Homelessness by Year, Toronto



Priorities for 2026

What data, products, tools or related initiatives from OCHPP would be most helpful in your work?

- *Continue providing data on chronic conditions*
- *Continue providing RPDB-based population denominators*
- *Hosting topic or dataset specific meetings*
- *Hosting meetings to discuss methods and/or best practices*

City of Toronto, Social Development 2025 Update

- Deep analysis of results of the Toronto Community Survey in partnership with Dana Lana School of Public Health at U of T
- Links 158-neighbourhood-based perceptual survey of resident well-being and experiences with GSS microdata
- Provides insight into at-risk populations and general resident perceptions at a local level, particularly for disaggregated population groups

City of Toronto, Social Development 2025 Update

- SafeTO Data Hub launched with community partners and ABCs
- Provides data sharing, collaborative mapping and curated storymaps from TPS, TTC, TPH, TCH, TDSB, and others
- Links to numerous dashboards related to safety
- <https://scale-safeto.hub.arcgis.com/>

Priorities for 2026

- The Toronto Neighbourhoods Assessment Framework under development in partnership with the United Way of Greater Toronto
- Quantitative data analysis mostly complete, being paired with qualitative and community-led feedback

OH Toronto Region 2025 Update

- What is a new project or health-equity initiative that your organization implemented or is working on this year?
- Supporting Primary Care Planning initiatives in Toronto Region
 - Deep dive analysis and validation to support Primary Care Action Team (PCAT) initiatives by identifying primary care high needs areas based on various factors (uncertainly attached, ON Marg, cancer screening, MH&A, chronic conditions, physician retirement and population growth).
 - Continuing to update Toronto Region Primary Care Workforce Planning Toolkit (collaboration with OCHPP and Canadian Health Workforce Network).

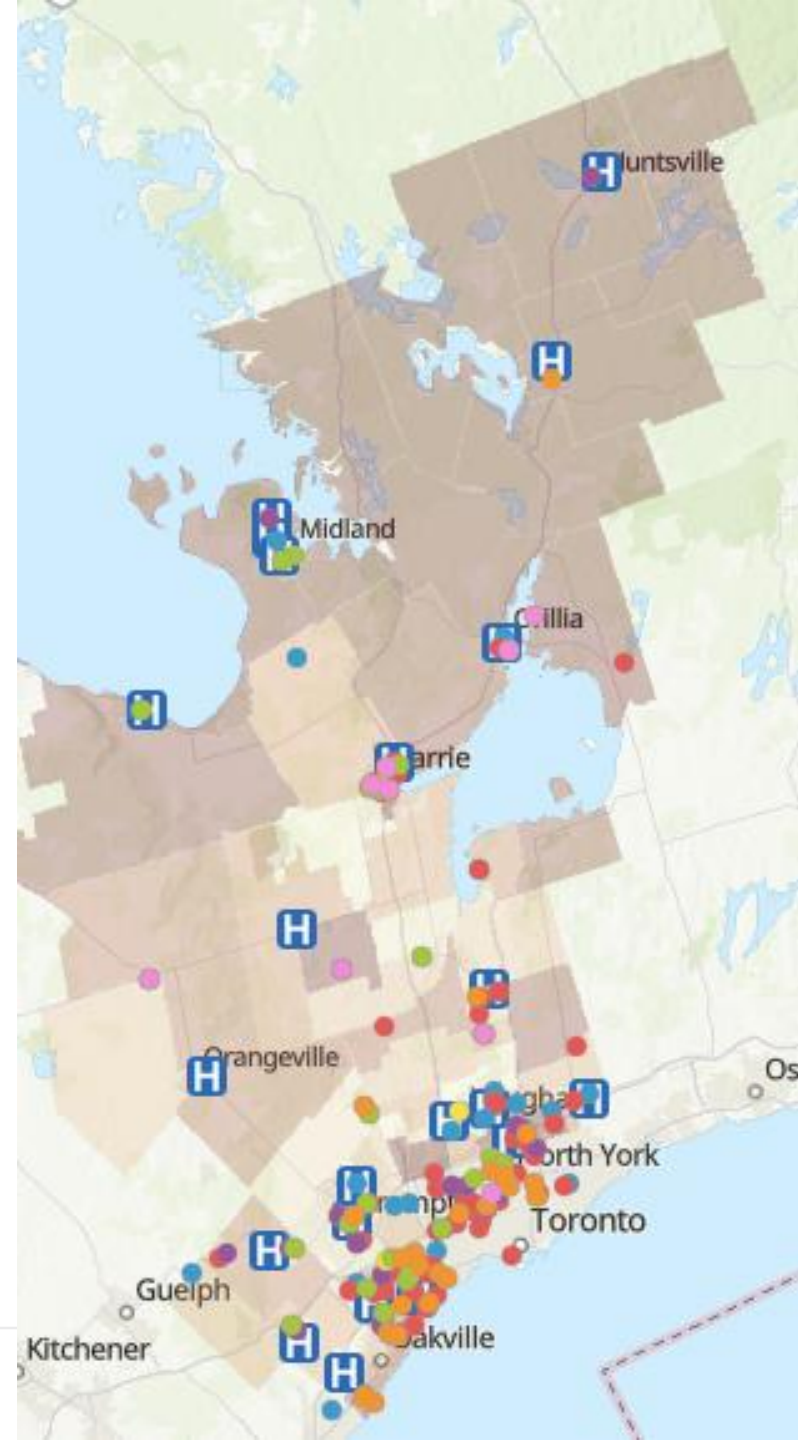
OH Toronto Region Priorities for 2026

- What data, products, tools or related initiatives from OCHPP would be most helpful in your work? *[Approx. 2-3 sentences]*
- Additional indicators related to OHT service use and performance metrics by neighbourhood. Potential indicators could relate to: Patients with COPD, CHF (ED Visits & Hospitalizations), Palliative Care, Frail Elderly, MHA (e.g. repeat 30-d ED visits and 4+ visits in last 12 months), ALC , Home care access, LTC wait times, disabilities, cancer.
- Stratification of selected indicators by SES variables (e.g. income, race or marginalization index)
- Timely refresh of priority indicators where possible

Ontario Health Central Region 2025 Update

Interactive Map for Health Equity Planning

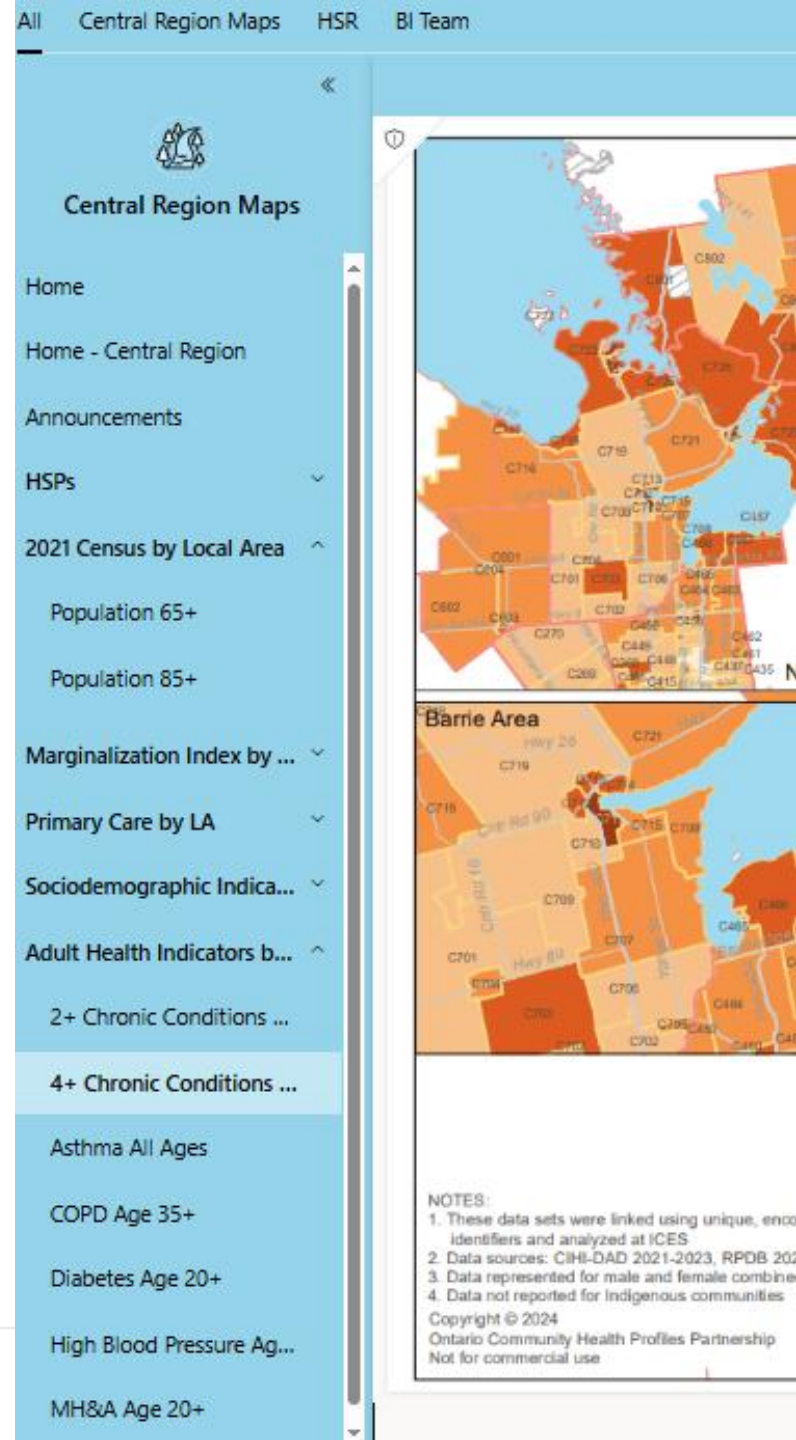
- *Online map created to support health equity in the Central Region*
- *Includes hospitals and community providers funded by the region*
- *Layered with seniors' data and Ontario Marginalization Index by local area*



September 2025

Central Region Maps App

- Offers easy access to OCHPP maps of Central Region by local area
- *Designed to make OCHPP map navigation more user-friendly for Central Region staff*
- *Supports regional staff with relevant geographic and demographic insights*



Priorities for 2026

- Central Region Local Area Profiles Power BI Dashboard
- *Will provide easy access to OCHPP indicators by local area through an internal Power BI dashboard*
- *Will use interactive visualization tools to help users explore, understand and apply local data for planning and decision-making*

Wellesley Institute 2025 Update

Over the past year we have completed a program of health equity research for the MOH including work on ACEs, diabetes and life expectancy

And a set of projects generated through discussions with our community advisory committee including:

1. a look at climate change resilience strategies at the community level in the GTA
2. a qualitative study on the support needs of older adults in the shelter system
3. a look at wealth inequality and health equity

Wellesley Institute Priorities for 2026

Primary care remains a research priority, with two projects underway:

1. A qualitative study on primary care preferences among different patient populations
2. An environmental scan on models of community engagement, involvement and inclusion in governance for primary care in Ontario

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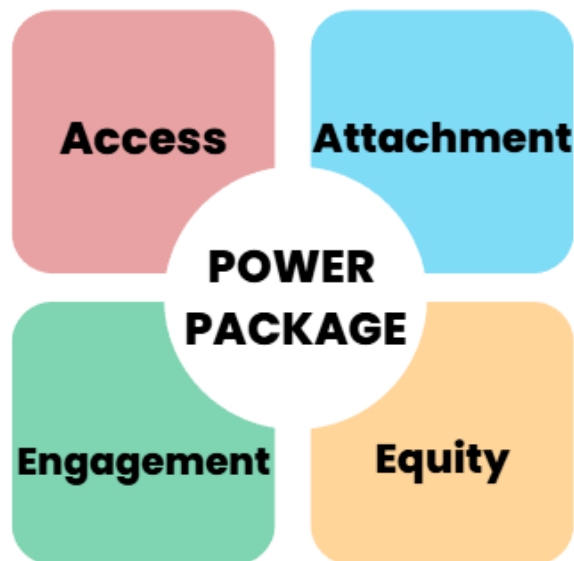
- For us, sharing information on research that is underway on primary care issues for equity deserving populations across the province would be helpful

Access Alliance: Time to POWER up!



Facilitating access requires **understanding needs and experiences**, working to **address the real barriers** that get in the way, and **building trust** so that clients feel safe and welcome.

Engagement is about building and strengthening **relationships** with our clients and community.



Facilitating meaningful **attachments** for clients by ensuring referrals to safe, comfortable and appropriate community programs **helps to reduce social isolation** and **improve health outcomes**.

Health equity is about helping newcomer clients to achieve **their health potential**.

Data we use for

- Research and Evaluation
 - Lead CBR and research-like activities
 - Partner with academics and clinicians, Organization (e.g. PHAC)
 - Act as a vendor for complex evaluations for others
- Needs Assessments
 - Community HNA
 - Youth Service Needs Assessment
 - Young Newcomer Mothers' Needs Assessment
- TCHC Resident Wellbeing Survey

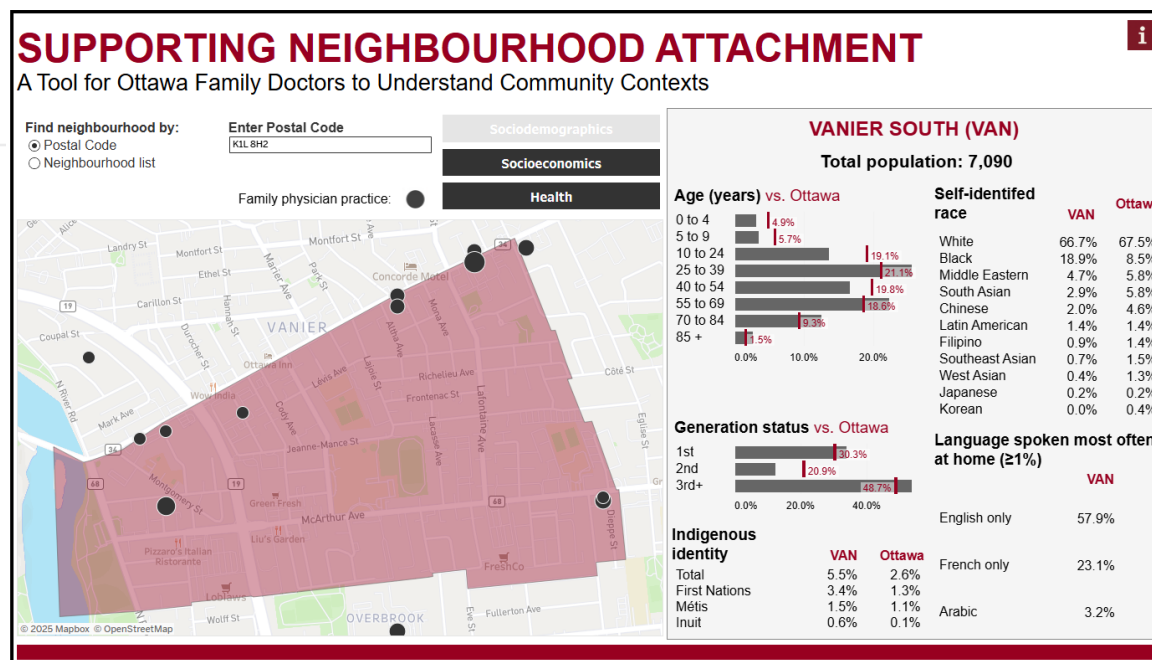
Data we struggle for

TO Vs
Neighbourhood

- Rate of Pregnancies/1000 among women 15-19 years.
- Total births (with known birth weight) - Teen pregnancy rate (15-49 years).
- Leading Causes of Premature Mortality.
- Age-standardized average annual premature rate (/100 000 population), All ages 0-74
- Food Insecurity Indicators
- Population number.
- Age distribution of the population
- Median and Average age
- Population Density (per square kilometre)
- Couples with/without children
- Male/Female lone parent families
- Percentage of adults (15-64), seniors (age 65-85 and 85+) living alone

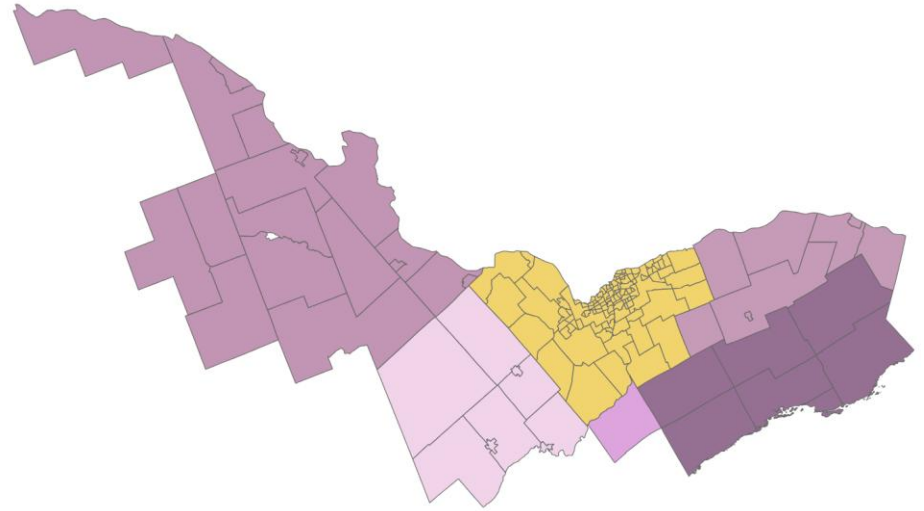
Ottawa Neighbourhood Study (ONS) 2025 Update

- Supporting PCAT applications for Ottawa area OHTs
- Successful Grant: Adapting the neighbourhood model for Thunder Bay
- Website 2.0:
<https://ons-sqo.ca/>



Priorities for 2026 (ONS)

- Filling the geographical gaps!
(counties)
- Regular PCAT outputs to
monitor local progress?
- Collaborative funding
opportunities



Health Commons Solutions Lab 2025 Update

- HCSL is a prototyping and spread and scale partner for the Locally Driven Population Health Models Strategy
- Working with 32 communities across the province to support them in their efforts to expand access and attachment for equity seeking communities.
- Working hard to outpace what we think will be the negative consequences of a strictly volume focused strategy - finding ways to support the concept of strategic approaches to volume attachment
- Segmentation + strategies that connected to the specifics of those populations
- New toolkits published at www.healthcommons.ca

Strengthening Access, Advancing Equity in Primary and Community Care

Locally-Driven Population Health Models
Lead agencies FY 24/25

Legend: Ontario Health Regions

- Central
- East
- North East
- North West
- Toronto
- West

Greater Toronto & Hamilton Area

Expanding Access and Attachment to Primary Care

Tools and Case Studies from Across Ontario

HEALTH COMMONS SOLUTIONS LAB

Priorities for 2026

- Create a baseline understanding of current distribution of primary care providers and the impact of the Primary Care Strategy priorities on distribution of docs.
- Understanding the impact of the Social Determinants of Health among the population and the recruitment of physicians to geographies
- Identify where there are overlapping imperatives between the hospital savings strategies and the primary care strategies
- Integrated data visualizations that show the overlapping picture of primary care deserts, ON-Marg indicators that include material deprivation and racialization; avoidable hospital utilization - emergency department CTAS 4/5; ALC and above expected lengths of stay for standard procedures; hospitalization for ambulatory case sensitive conditions. Working with Southlake's data visualization tool to see these pictures at the DA and CT level
- *Thinking about the meaning of neighborhoods outside of dense urban geographies*

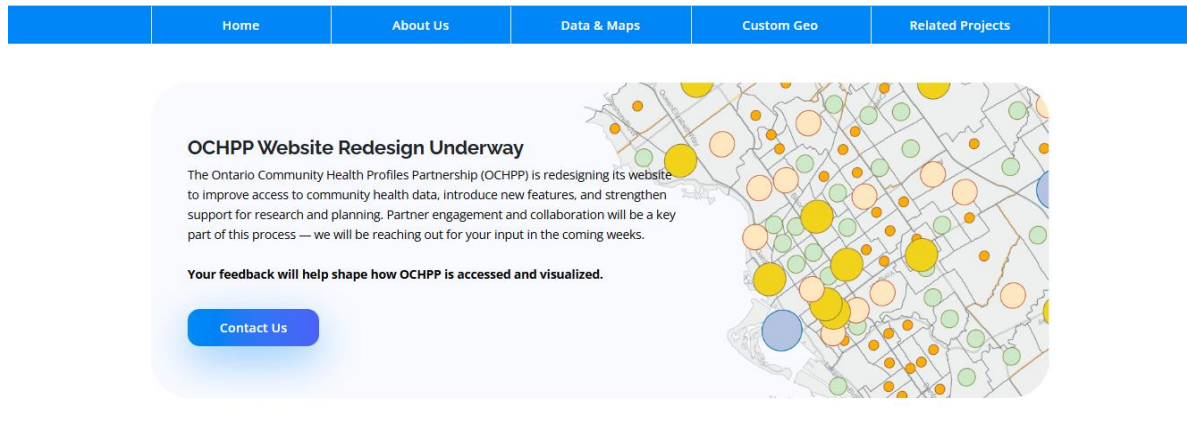
OCHPP 2025 Update

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- *Two new partners! **Health Services and Policy Research Institute, Queens' University** and **Region of Durham***
- *Successful grant application to explore primary care attachment in relation to neighbourhood/local area characteristics in Toronto and OH Central Regions with a focus on health equity*
- *New Fractional Data Tables – Proportion of Small Area Populations Attributed to OHTs*
- ***Amazing Facts:** OCHPP now reports on 700 small areas accounting for 10,953,756 people or 77% of Ontario's population! 4000+ monthly visitors to website*

Priorities for 2026 - OCHPP

- *Video on how to use the OCHPP website*
- *Use collective partner expertise to develop and explore external projects and grants*
- *Refresh of website – Coming Soon!*
- *Input from partners on initiatives*

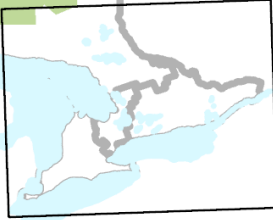


Northern Ontario

Small Areas Reported on by OCHPP

Number of small areas reported by OCHPP: 710
Population reported on by OCHPP: ~11 million
(77% of Ontario population)

Small areas being planned in Eastern Ontario:
~60
Population of planned small areas: ~550,000



0 50 100 km

Ontario Health Central Region

Durham

Toronto

Hastings
Edward Prince

Ottawa

(rural)

Ottawa
(municipal)

Ottawa
(rural)

Lenark
Leeds
Grenville

Frontenac
and Addington
OHT

Southern Ontario

South West

Hamilton Niagara
Haldimand Brant

Erie St. Clair



Small areas reported on by OCHPP



Small areas in planning stages
(Eastern Ontario)



Areas in Northern Ontario
under partnership agreements
between ICES and the First Nations