

The need for greater attention to the spectrum of sustainability requirements, with a high-priority focus on critical issues such as air and water quality, biodiversity, and climate change. Some of the other laggards, including Nepal and Afghanistan, face broader challenges such as civil unrest, and their low scores can almost all be attributed to weak governance.

REFINING METRICS

Innovations in the 2020 EPI data and methodology reflect the latest advances in environmental science and indicator analysis. Notably, the 2020 rankings include for the first time a waste management metric and a pilot indicator on CO₂ emissions from land cover change. Other new indicators deepen the analysis of air quality, biodiversity & habitat, fisheries, ecosystem services, and climate change. Full documentation of the methodology is available online at epi.yale.edu, and the EPI team invites feedback and suggestions for strengthening future versions of the Index.

While the EPI provides a framework for greater analytic rigor in policymak-

ing, it also reveals a number of severe data gaps that limit the analytic scope of the rankings. As the EPI project has highlighted for two decades, better data collection, reporting, and verification across a range of environmental issues are urgently needed. The existing gaps are especially pronounced in the areas of agriculture, water resources, and threats to biodiversity. New investments in stronger global data systems are essential to better manage sustainability challenges and to ensure that the global community does not breach fundamental planetary boundaries.

The inability to capture transboundary environmental impacts persists as a limitation of the current EPI framework. While the current methodology reveals important insights into how countries perform within their own borders, it does not account for “exported” impacts associated with imported products. With groundbreaking models and new datasets emerging, the EPI team has been working to produce new metrics that account for the spillovers of harm associated with traded goods in an interconnected world.

GLOBAL PANDEMIC

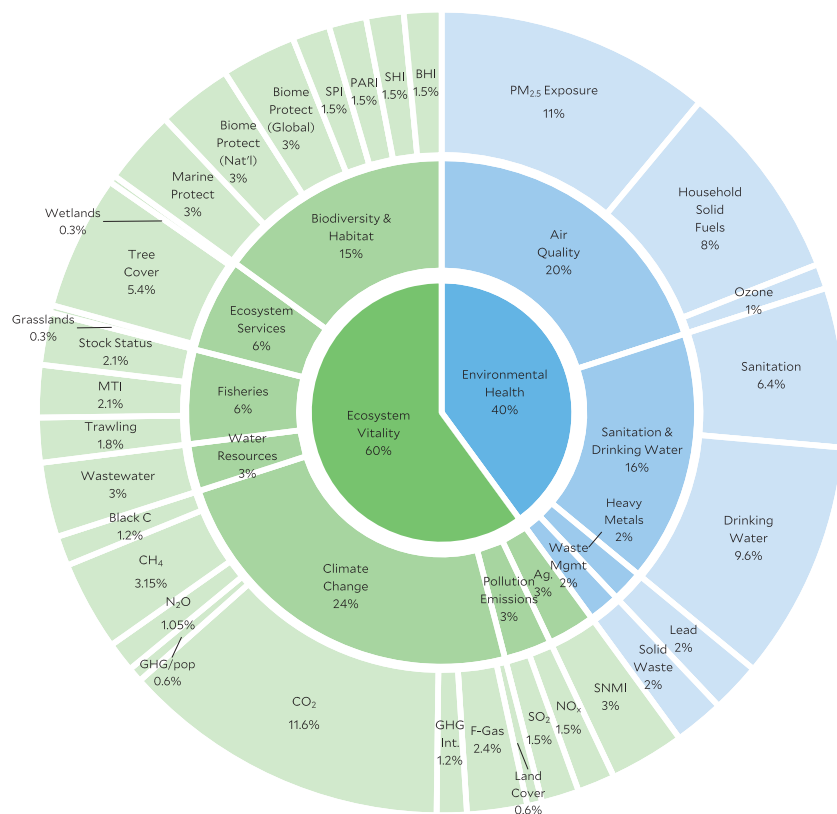
The 2020 EPI emerges in the midst of the COVID-19 crisis that has challenged public health systems and disrupted economic activity across the world. The global pandemic has made clear the profound interdependence of all nations and the importance of investing in resilience. Unintended consequences of the economic shutdown in many nations include a sharp drop in pollution levels and the return of wildlife. The EPI team hopes that this unexpected glimpse of what a sustainable planet might look like from an ecological perspective – albeit at a terrible price in terms of public health and economic damage – will inspire the policy transformation required for a sustainable future that is both economically vigorous and environmentally sound.

CREATING A COMPOSITE INDEX

As a composite index, the Environmental Performance Index distills data on many indicators of sustainability into a single number. Advances in scientific investigation, sensing methods, and data reporting mean the world’s access to data on the state of the environment has never been richer. With every iteration of the EPI, we seek the best available data to produce useful and credible scores that address urgent questions.

For the 2020 EPI, we’ve assembled 32 indicators of environmental performance for 180 countries. The data come from trusted third-party sources like international governing bodies, nongovernmental organizations, and academic research centers. Credible datasets rely on established collection methods that have been peer-reviewed by the scientific community or endorsed by international authorities.

To give our metrics meaning to a broad audience, we take the data we receive and construct indicators on a 0–100 scale, from worst to best performance. For each country, we then weigh and aggregate the scores for indicators into issue categories, policy objectives, and then, finally, into an EPI score. Scores for all countries can be viewed or downloaded at our website, epi.yale.edu.



The 2020 EPI Framework. The framework organizes 32 indicators into 11 issue categories and two policy objectives, with weights shown at each level as a percentage of the total score.

This assessment of greenness has several limitations associated with the use of NDVI to represent greenness, including the coarse resolution of the MODIS data and the selection of the 0.5 NDVI cut-off as a threshold to classify green or grey pixels. As well, no distinction was made between greenness resulting from publicly accessible parks and private inaccessible spaces. For trend analysis, assessment of additional time series data is required, while higher resolution data is needed for the identification of detailed urban green spaces. A next step for this work will be the assessment of green space extent and greenness condition using more spatially-detailed datasets and additional time periods.

Greenness lowest in large urban population centres

In 2019, 76% of the area in 996 population centres in southern Canada could be classed as green (Table 1). This percentage varied based on city size and regional differences.

In large urban population centres, an average of 70% of the total land area was classed as green, with the share ranging from 38% in Winnipeg to 94% in Kanata (Chart 1). These values reflect peak summer greenness and can vary greatly depending on local climate conditions. A comparison of the top five large urban population centres shows that 65% of Toronto, 70% of Montreal, 68% of Vancouver, 42% of Calgary and 60% of Edmonton were classed as green in 2019 (Figure 2).

Average urban greenness was 78% for medium population centres and 87% in small population centres. In over one-third (35%) of small population centres the entire area was classed as green. Population centres across the Prairies had the lowest greenness on average. Greenness was highest in the Atlantic provinces.

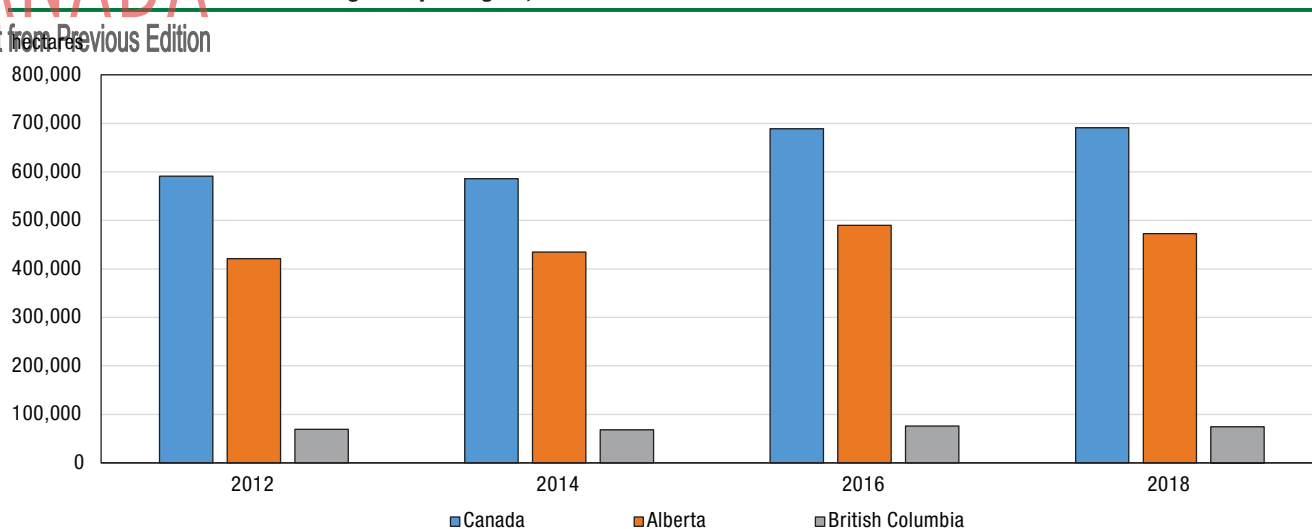
Table 1
Average urban greenness, by population centre size class and region, 2001, 2011 and 2019

	Population centres	Average urban greenness			Type of urban greenness change					
		2001	2011	2019	2001 to 2011			2001 to 2019		
					Decrease	Stable	Increase	Decrease	Stable	Increase
number	percentage of area	percentage of population centres								
Total population centres	996	80.3	80.3	75.7	27.0	35.2	37.8	38.8	30.1	31.1
Size classes										
Large urban	31	75.8	75.4	69.6	29.0	16.1	54.8	77.4	0.0	22.6
Medium	58	82.0	81.6	77.7	46.6	12.1	41.4	70.7	8.6	20.7
Small	907	88.3	89.1	87.0	25.7	37.4	36.9	35.4	32.5	32.1
Regions										
Atlantic	101	94.3	95.6	93.9	6.9	55.4	37.6	20.8	50.5	28.7
Québec	268	86.0	87.2	82.8	13.1	51.1	35.8	30.6	43.7	25.7
Ontario	286	81.8	81.4	78.7	26.6	37.1	36.4	38.1	33.6	28.3
Prairies	234	61.5	62.6	55.5	41.9	9.8	48.3	43.6	8.1	48.3
British Columbia	107	84.0	80.6	72.9	49.5	27.1	23.4	67.3	15.9	16.8

Notes: Estimates of population centre greenness are based on the Normalized Difference Vegetation Index (NDVI) from MODIS. Water areas have been excluded. Includes population centres south of 60° latitude based on the 2016 population centre boundaries for all years to ensure consistency. Change in greenness compares the point in time to 2001 and does not represent a trend over time.

Source: Statistics Canada, Environment and Energy Statistics Division, special tabulation from Statistics Canada, 2020, [Corrected representation of the NDVI using historical MODIS satellite images \(250 m resolution\) from 2000 to 2019](https://open.canada.ca/data/en/dataset/dc700f75-19d8-4913-9846-78615ca93784), <https://open.canada.ca/data/en/dataset/dc700f75-19d8-4913-9846-78615ca93784> (accessed April 29, 2020).

Chart 2
Farm land area that received irrigation per region, 2012 to 2018



Note: Canada excludes Yukon, Northwest Territories and Nunavut.

Source: Statistics Canada. Table 38-10-0241-01. Total area that received irrigation by crop type.

Alberta accounted for nearly 70% of the land receiving irrigation in Canada, followed by British Columbia (11%) in 2018. Saskatchewan reported the strongest growth of all provinces that year with an additional 16,746 hectares irrigated, a 43% increase over 2016.

In 2018, more than nine out of 10 irrigated hectares were field crops (58%) and forage crops (34%); these shares were relatively steady for all previously reported years.

Sprinkler systems were the dominant method of irrigation

Over the period, two-thirds of Canadian farms that irrigated reported using the sprinkler irrigation method which distributes water above the crop canopy. The second most commonly used method was micro-irrigation (one quarter of farms), which efficiently delivers water onto the soil surface very close to the crop or below the soil. Finally, one-tenth used surface irrigation, where water flows over the soil surface by gravity, either by flooding or in furrows. The choice of irrigation methods depends on a number of factors such as crop type, water quality, and precipitation levels during growing seasons.

By a wide margin, most provinces reported sprinkler irrigation as the most used between 2012 and 2018. Sprinkler irrigation in Quebec and Saskatchewan lead by a smaller margin but farmers reported using micro-irrigation in Quebec and surface irrigation in Saskatchewan to a greater extent than the other provinces.

An increasing number of farms using irrigation implemented water and energy conservation practices

At the Canada level, in 2018, the most widespread practices implemented to conserve water or energy were incorporating compost or other organic matter into soil (18%), watering at night or in the morning (18%), and using water or energy saving nozzles (17%). Increases in the use of conservation practices by farms over the period were noteworthy in Saskatchewan, which reported an increase of 75%, followed by the Atlantic Provinces (+62%).

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Languages Spoken: English
Products/Services/Areas of Expertise: Benmet Steel & Metal is a scrap metal recycling company.
Domestic Markets: Ontario

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Founded: 1986

Languages Spoken: English
Products/Services/Areas of Expertise: BEPI offers consulting, design, & construction services, as well as microbial products.

Domestic Markets: National

Foreign Activity: International

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Domestic Markets: National

Foreign Activity: Asia; Central America; Middle East; South America; USA

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Firm Type: Distributing; Engineering; Manufacturing

Founded: 1972

Staff: 75

Languages Spoken: English; French; Spanish; Chinese

Quality Environmental Management System(s): ISO

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Products/Services/Areas of Expertise: Refrigerated cooling & pumping systems for industrial process cooling; fiberglass cooling towers for industrial process cooling & city water conservation; industrial ice makers

Financial Information:

Revenue: Greater than \$5 Million

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Foreign Activity: Africa; Asia; Australia/New Zealand; Central America; Pacific Rim; South America; USA; Mexico

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Founded: 1953

Staff: 10

Languages Spoken: English; French

Products/Services/Areas of Expertise: The company provides industrial instrumentation & control products in areas such as pH, ORP, Sludge blanket monitoring, Turbidity, Sludge Density & Suspended solids monitoring, Dissolved Oxygen, Level, temperature, flow, pressure, steam, & leak detection.

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Ownership Type: Private

Revenue Sources: 100% Private Contracts

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Financial Information:

Revenue: Greater than \$5 Million

Domestic Markets: National

Foreign Activity: USA

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Languages Spoken: English

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flexible PVC, bag-type, liners for chemical storage tank &

secondary containment areas

Recently Completed/Ongoing Projects: Used by Domtar

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Financial Information:

Ownership Type: Private

Revenue: \$250,000 - \$500,000

Revenue Sources: 35% Municipal; 65% Private Contracts

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printers, envelope manufacturer, folding carton & corrugated box,

industries; waste paper recycling systems

Financial Information:

Ownership Type: Private

Revenue Sources: 100% Private Contracts

Domestic Markets: National

Foreign Activity: Africa; Central America; South America; USA

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