

# Data Spotlight

Wellbeing Waterloo Region



## Spotlight on data related to the impacts of COVID-19

A great deal of information is available on the impacts of COVID-19, and the information is constantly evolving.

In order to keep the WWR network informed on the emerging data and issues related to the impacts of COVID-19, in each issue of the WWR newsletter, we will share some current and timely data highlights and relevant links to Canada wide and local data sources and articles.

Readers are encouraged to visit the data source for more information about each study's methodology and full findings.

If WWR network members have suggestions for data highlights and resources to share in an upcoming issues of the newsletter please let us know by sending an email to [wellbeingwr@regionofwaterloo.ca](mailto:wellbeingwr@regionofwaterloo.ca)

Topic	Highlights	Source
<p>Waterloo Region schools where fewer students plan to return tend to have more children living in poverty.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “An analysis of 169 elementary and high schools found <b>that schools where fewer students plan to return tend to have higher child poverty, more recent immigrants, and more children who learned English after learning a different language.</b>”</li> <li>• “The collective rate of child poverty is 10 per cent at the 20 elementary schools with the highest return-to-school rates. <b>The twenty elementary schools with the lowest return-to-school rates have a collective poverty rate of 24 per cent.</b>”</li> <li>• <b>Return-to-school rates are not finalized.</b> They may change by Sept. 8 when education resumes, and change again in October and in November if students switch from home to school or school to home.</li> <li>• <b>“Correlations between socioeconomic disadvantage and current return rates are evident but weak.</b> The tendency obscures a wide variation among schools that points to many other factors in play.”</li> </ul>	<p><a href="#">Waterloo Region schools where fewer students plan to return tend to have more children living in poverty.</a> The Record. September 1, 2020.</p>
<p>Local Real Estate Market</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>“Home sales in Kitchener and Waterloo set a record last month,</b> with the Kitchener-Waterloo Association of Realtors reporting <b>686 transactions – the most ever recorded for the month of August.</b> Sales were up 48 per cent compared to August, 2019; the previous 10-year average for August sales was 470”</li> <li>• Detached homes averaged \$734,427 last month (August) - an increase of nearly 19 per cent over last year’s figure.”</li> </ul>	<p><a href="#">No summer slumber for local real estate market as August sales record set.</a> The Record., September 3, 2020.</p>
<p>Impacts of COVID-19 on the provincial non-profit sector</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>1 in 5 Ontario Nonprofits report that they will need to close operations by the end of 2020</b> without financial assistance to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic.</li> <li>• <b>40% per cent of nonprofits in Ontario continue to see an increase in the demand for service.</b></li> <li>• The top concerns reported by non profits are: <b>funding, reopening, recovery, health and safety, and donations and fundraising.</b></li> <li>• Highest increase in demand was reported in the subsectors of Social Services (58%), Health (54%), Housing (43%), Environment (28%), and Education (25%).</li> </ul>	<p><a href="#">Risk, resilience, rebuilding: The state of Ontario’s non-profits three months into the pandemic.</a> Ontario Nonprofit Network. August 2020.</p>

<p>Impacts of COVID-19 on the national non-profit sector</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nonprofits surveyed across Canada are not optimistic about their sustainability in the coming months; <b>45% or organizations believe their financial condition will be worse in three to six months, and only 8% believe it will be better</b> (Imagine Canada, 2020).</li> <li>• Of Canadian nonprofits surveyed, <b>73% reported loss of revenue through donations, fees, events, or other fundraising methods</b>. In comparison, only 36% of nonprofits saw similar revenue losses during the 2008 financial crisis (Imagine Canada, 2020).</li> </ul>	<p><a href="#">Imagine Canada's sector monitor: Charities and the COVID-19 pandemic.</a> David Lasby for Imagine Canada. May 2020.</p>
<p>Labour Force Survey</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Unemployment increased by 900 people in August.</b> The local unemployment rate remained at <b>July's rate of 12.9%. For the second month in a row, the unemployment rate is higher than that of Ontario (11.4%) and Canada (11.1%).</b></li> <li>• Among the 15 Ontario CMAs, <b>KCW had the 2nd highest unemployment rate after the CMA of Toronto that had an unemployment rate of 13.9%.</b></li> <li>• Locally the youth unemployment rate remains much higher than the rest of the working age population. The unemployment rate for 25 to 54 year olds increased slightly (0.3%) to 9.9% whereas the rate decreased by 2.2% for 55 to 64 year olds.</li> </ul>	<p><a href="#">Monthly Labour Force Survey Data for the Kitchener-Cambridge-Waterloo CMA.</a> Statistics Canada. September 4, 2020.</p>