

Heritage Capacity and Economic Impact Survey

Statistical Summary: 2010-2020

The table below includes the 2010 through 2020 results of the Heritage Capacity and Economic Impact (HCEI) survey, formerly known as the Building Capacity for Heritage Conservation survey. The annual survey raises awareness of heritage conservation tools and emphasizes the strategies that are most effective in building heritage conservation capacity at the local level. The survey facilitates the assessment of heritage conservation capacity across the province and provides information to support Heritage Branch policy planning.

While annual, we do not receive information for all local governments in the province, the information we do have allows us to know the minimum number of heritage planning tools implemented and the total amount spent by participating

local governments on heritage conservation in a calendar year. **It is important to note that each year's results should be seen as a baseline of information for that year, and that the results for all years are not an indication of growth or change over time.**

The survey is a tool that evolves each year. Prior to 2016, the survey was sent to all local governments each year, and each year the number of respondents and the set of local governments responding to the survey changed. In 2016 to 2018, the BCHC survey was sent to local governments according to a six-year distribution system based on population. In 2019 and 2020, the survey was sent to all local governments and the responses were extrapolated based on population size to approximate the responses for all 190 local governments. The basic content of measuring key heritage conservation capacity indicators remains consistent.

INDICATORS	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016 ⁴	2017	2018	2019 ⁵	2020
Local Government Respondents	125	117	120	124	122	130	147	129	114	190	190
Heritage Content in Official Community Plan (OCP)	96	93	103	97	102	102	79	94	97	153	152
Community Heritage Commission (CHC)	45	37	43	43	52	38	38	10	22	See below	See below
Similar entity to CHCs	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	22	n/a	27	27	84 ⁶	102
Heritage Planning Documents											
Heritage Strategic Plan	27	30	5 ²	1	4	5	21	11	16	26	40
Heritage Conservation Plan	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	3	7	14	12	12	24	29
Heritage Tourism Plan	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	1	3	5	2	2	10	18
Heritage Context Studies	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	5	4	12	7	8	8	9
Heritage Feasibility Studies	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	1	2	2	4	4	6	8
Heritage Values Workshops	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	4	5	5	3	8	n/a	n/a

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Heritage Design Guidelines	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	8	26	21	17	21	49
Other heritage-related planning document	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	25	18	26	13	10	16	26
Community Heritage Register (CHR)	42	44	45	52	47	45	64	29	43	56	79
Total CHR listings	5,055	5,263	5,351	4,787	5,837	4,710	4,183	5,153	5,948	6,332	10,230
CHR additions in last calendar year	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	374	36
CHR listings reported as being documented to BCRHP standards	1,545	1,562	1,653	1,728	1,894	1,513	1,178	1,947	n/a	n/a	n/a
Standards and Guidelines in use⁷	45	50	57	55	55	52	59	38	30	55	52
Heritage Promotion/Interpretation											
Heritage Content on Website	39	44	53	57	56	54	53	38	49	62	40
Information about CHR listings on Website	20	20	29	36	36	28	42	27	26	n/a	n/a
Heritage Signs or Plaques installed in last calendar year	30	29	33	37	35	30	38	7	13	31	33
Heritage Brochures published in last calendar year	27	30	30	30	31	33	61	28	25	46	29
Hosted event, festival etc. that celebrated historic places	n/a	37	41	35	44	36	59	55	65	48	23
Annual expenditure on recognition activities	\$411,753	\$597,905	\$563,665	\$496,992	\$963,969	\$865,429	\$1,478,075	\$412,113	\$2,772,000	\$2,724,711	\$4,687,119
Heritage Protection											
Heritage Designations	1,689	1,431	1,523	1,006	1,299	1,741	1,896	1,610	1,492	n/a	3,507
Heritage Designations per calendar year	n/a	n/a	36	34	42	36	50	30	22	n/a	37

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Heritage Revitalization Agreements ³	20	17	24	17	22	10	48	20	4	n/a	20
Heritage Covenants ³	8	4	5	4	3	2	9	15	3	n/a	8
Heritage Conservation Areas	37	41	35	30	52	36	64	23	19	n/a	56
Other special permit areas used to manage heritage values	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	16	17	7	20	n/a	n/a
Heritage Alteration Permits (HAPs) ³	93	67	89	108	115	98	143	112	133	n/a	252
Heritage Conservation Incentives (per calendar year)											
Tax incentives	\$776,421	\$1,674,253	\$474,311	\$473,558	\$132,820	\$1,946,790	\$2,831,217	\$3,418,204	\$3,145,995	\$6,649,315	\$3,311,508
Private investment resulting from tax incentive projects	n/a	\$21,525,703	\$4,107,891	\$2,072,238	\$564,133	\$50,000	Not reported	\$5,637,657	\$5,765,965	\$32,034,919	\$40,286,176
Grants	\$1,452,410	\$1,106,013	\$700,893	\$288,767	\$494,388	\$1,213,775	\$1,565,225	\$435,885	\$900,618	\$9,062,350	\$2,797,750
Private investment resulting from grant program	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	\$1,887,260	\$3,888,370	\$8,070,027	\$1,958,690	\$2,305,885	\$22,987,028	\$4,227,232
Other incentives	\$57,200	\$409,000	\$56,500	\$47,323	Not reported	\$105,000	\$30,000	\$246,000	\$300,000	Not reported	\$5,671,159
Private investment resulting from other incentives	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Not reported	\$102,000	\$1,063,747	\$14,253,000	\$103,985,700	Not reported	\$2,773,674
Heritage Investment (per calendar year)											
Conservation of publicly-owned historic places	\$9,794,867	\$15,340,921	\$12,753,406	\$5,430,821	\$7,694,688	\$4,275,610	\$9,414,868	\$2,204,002	\$11,587,803	\$11,861,256	\$9,629,204
Publicly-owned historic places	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	494	482	504	365	366	551	574
Generated revenue from publicly-owned historic places	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	\$1,777,597	\$662,084	\$1,329,855	\$763,076	\$6,461,428	\$10,489,303	\$375,854

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Uses of publicly-owned historic places	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	• 7 • 9 • 20 • 44 • 16	• 9 • 12 • 37 • 50 • 18	• 7 • 10 • 29 • 29 • 13	• 8 • 14 • 15 • 5 • 2	• 1 • 6 • 21 • 43 • 8	• 4 • 25 • 33 • 49 • 3	• 3 • 18 • 31 • 37 • 2
Staff persons	n/a	n/a	n/a	88	102	82	79 ⁸	88	166	n/a	n/a
Staff person time spent on heritage matters	n/a	n/a	n/a	• 10 • 8%	• 11 • 17%	• 12 • 14%	• 6 • 21.5%	• 10 • 4.3%	• 74 • 92 ⁹	• 154 FTE ¹⁰	• 99 FTE
Volunteers working on heritage matters	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	677	429	745	1,449	n/a	n/a
Heritage and Sustainability											
Considers environmental benefits when making heritage planning decisions	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Yes: 26 Sometimes: 61	Yes: 24 Sometimes: 31	Yes: 23 Sometimes: 20	Yes: 55 ¹¹	Yes: 100

¹ n/a = Not Applicable; indicates that information was not requested for this question in this year.

² In previous years, the question about Heritage Strategic Plans referred to total number in existence. The 2012 question asked only for Heritage Strategic Plans created in the calendar year.

³ In 2006 and 2007, these questions for heritage protection referred to total number of each tool implemented by the local government. Since then, the questions have asked the number of each tool implemented in the calendar year.

⁴ These results are extrapolated according to the distribution plan described above the table. It was generated using the following formula: total for every year group + (total for the every three years group x 3) + (total for the every six years group x 6).

⁵ These results are extrapolated using a different method than previous years to approximate for all 190 local governments.

⁶ In 2019 the total reported number includes both heritage commissions and similar entities.

⁷ Available free online at <http://www.historicplaces.ca/en/pages/standards-normes.aspx>

⁸ This represents the responses to the question: “Does your local government have full time or part time staff?” Therefore, it is not a representation of the total number of full-time or part-time staff but the number of local governments with full-time staff.

⁹ This represents the response to the question “How many full-time staff spend a portion of their time working on heritage matters?” Therefore, it is not a representation of the percentage of time full time staff spend working on heritage matters.

¹⁰ This is based on the response to the question of how many hours employees spent a month working on heritage planning and projects. The amount is equivalent to full time employees categorized as working 70 hours a month.

¹¹ This question changed in 2019 to include a multiple choice response of what environmental benefits are considered when they are a factor in planning decisions.

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