Housing Targets Prioritization Index

Municipalities are prioritized for housing targets using a 10 indicator index based on work with economists and experts in the field using the following measures:

Dimension	Measure	Description	Weighted
Availability of right housing supply	Dwelling to population ratio	Measures available housing stock in relation to population growth	10%
	Dwellings per residential land area	Assesses how residential structure density had changed over the last 10 years (2011-2021), relative to the available residential land size	10%
	Density to reach affordability	Assesses land in relation to the realized number of housing units per land unit to determine the unrealized potential for more homes	10%
	Ground- oriented to multi-storey housing ratio	Captures the ratio of ground-oriented and multistorey housing in a municipality to track the trend of structure types built over time	5%
	Renter to ownership ratio	Captures the amount of owned and rented homes in a municipality	5%
	Housing for Workers and Families	Calculates the rental affordability of a municipality for essential workers and families (i.e., a family of four with a teacher's and firefighter's income to live in a two- or three-bedroom rental apartment)	15%
	Proximity to Amenities	Measures the distance to and availability of commonly used amenities (health care, child care, recreation, etc.) to prioritize municipalities that have amenities to support growth	15%
Urgent housing needs	Homelessness count	Assesses whether there is enough housing or shelter for people experiencing homelessness in relation to its overall population size	10%
	Social housing Waitlist	Assesses whether there is enough social housing in relation to overall population size	10%
Location	Rural/urban community	Classifies rural and urban municipalities based on Statistics Canada's definition to prioritize urban municipalities	10%