



City of Hamilton Memorandum

To: Chair and Members of
Public Health Sub-Committee

Date: February 24, 2025

Report No: BOH25005

Subject/Title: Recommend Reference: Hamilton Community Health
Status Report 2024

Ward(s) Affected: (City Wide)

Information

Public Health Services presented the Hamilton Community Health Status Report 2024 at the November 4, 2024, Public Health Committee Meeting (see Appendix "A" to Public Health Committee Report BOH24024 and presentation). Hamilton's Community Health Status Report is available on the City of Hamilton's webpage at: <https://www.hamilton.ca/people-programs/public-health/community-health-data>. Public Health Services is circulating this information to the Public Health Sub-Committee for awareness and since the report was used as one source of evidence for priority setting and program planning in the 2025 Annual Service Plan & Budget.

The goal of Hamilton's Community Health Status Report is to provide meaningful health status information, including social determinants of health and health inequities, to guide public health planning and service delivery. This information may also be used by community partners and the public to increase awareness of local health issues, inform community planning, decisions, and development of local public policy, and foster a common understanding of the breadth of issues that impact our community's wellbeing.

Understanding the health of our local population is critical to Public Health Services' work and is mandated through the Population Health Assessment Foundational Standard of the Ontario Public Health Standards. Population health assessment is used alongside other evidence to set priorities and plan our programs and services in an integrated health system. Data collected by Public Health Services is specific to the people its programs serve, which are often tailored to those with the highest needs. To measure and monitor the health status of the whole population, including social determinants of health and health inequities, Public Health Services mostly uses data

collected by other organizations often for alternate purposes. These data sources and their limitations are identified throughout Hamilton’s Community Health Status Report.

There are many approaches to assess the health status of our community and Hamilton’s Community Health Status Report is one tool to achieve this. The City of Hamilton and community partners have a role in amplifying findings of Hamilton’s Community Health Status to support the health and well-being of our community and reduce socioeconomic disparities and the resulting health inequities.

Previous Reports Submitted

- [BOH24024](#) – Hamilton Community Health Status Report 2024
Initial submission of the Hamilton Community Health Status Report 2024 to the Public Health Sub-Committee in November 2024.

Consultation

Not Applicable.

Appendices and Schedules Attached

Appendix A: Hamilton Community Health Status Report 2024

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