



State of the Basin has new home online!

A new website makes access to State of the Basin research easier than ever. Organizations across the Columbia Basin-Boundary region use State of the Basin research to better understand their communities and make evidence-based decisions related to economic, social, environmental, and cultural priorities. The new website gets this information into the hands of decision-makers more rapidly and in an easy-to-use format. Visit stateofthebasin.ca for up-to-date analysis of important factors affecting regional well-being.

For example, you might be interested to know that:

- [Living wages](#) in the region vary between \$14 and \$20 per hour depending on the community;
- There were 212 active [water quality](#) notices, such as boil water advisories, as of June 2020;
- There were 139 species of [invasive plants](#) reported in 2019, which is an increase of seven species since 2017;
- [Voter turnout](#) in the 2019 federal election exceeded that seen in British Columbia and Canada; and
- The region's [population](#) is expected to increase by 3% from 2020-2040, substantially less than the 22% projected for BC as a whole.

This information, and much more, is now available on stateofthebasin.ca. Analyses for over 40 well-being indicators are now online, and more are being added as new data become available. Be sure to check back often for up-to-date information on regional priorities, such as the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

State of the Basin research is conducted by the Columbia Basin Rural Development Institute at Selkirk College and is funded by Columbia Basin Trust. The objectives of the State of the Basin initiative are to **inform** citizens and organizations, **encourage** understanding of complex issues over time, **signal** where trends are similar or different, and **motivate** discussion, information sharing, strategic evidence-based decisions, and collective action.

Rural Insights Series on COVID-19

The Canadian Rural Revitalization Foundation (CRRF) is producing a series of rural insights on key issues affecting rural communities as they face the challenges of managing the pandemic and look to future recovery. CRRF will be publishing reports through the [Rural Insights Series: COVID-19](#) on a rolling basis throughout 2020.

New data: Impacts of COVID-19 on population health in BC

The Government of British Columbia recently released preliminary results from the province-wide *BC COVID-19 Speak: Your Story, Our Future* survey that was completed by almost 400,000 British Columbians this spring. Notably, 47% of respondents experienced negative mental health impacts (this rate was higher among young adults and families with children) and roughly a third reported increased difficulty meeting financial needs (this rate was higher among people of colour and individuals with lower income). Click [here](#) to view the data released on July 20 (see page 12) and [here](#) to view the data released on August 13 (see page 20).

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