

**Media Lines**  
**Proximity to Public Transportation in Canada's Metropolitan Areas**  
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**Issue**

On June 2, 2020, Statistics Canada releases data on proximity to public transportation. This is the first time that proximity to transit has been measured across all metropolitan areas of Canada. This information was collected in support of Sustainable Development Goal Indicator 11.2.1 – Convenient access to public transportation.

Time periods covered will be as follows:

- proximity data from Fall-Winter 2019, using 2016 Census of Population data.
- commuting mode and duration data from May 2016 Census.

This information focusses on urban infrastructure and will enable evaluation of the differences across large cities in Canada, leading to improved decision-making.

**Key messages**

- On June 2, Statistics Canada releases information related to proximity to public transportation, mode and duration of commute to work in collaboration with Infrastructure Canada.
- This is the first time proximity to transit information has been released for all metropolitan areas of Canada.
- Statistics Canada produces high-quality statistics to inform Canadians and policymakers on a range of issues. This new information will be valuable for public infrastructure planning, providing insight into the differences across large cities in Canada to support improved decision-making.
- The ability to compare across all cities is unique and long-awaited data that will help evaluate how the lives of millions of Canadians can be improved by urban design.
- As Canada's cities continue to grow, a better understanding of transit systems will contribute to better planning for the future of urban public transportation.

**Background**

The mode and duration of commute data in this release were previously published as part of the 2016 Census Program, and are reproduced here to add useful content when considering

access to public transportation. These data provide a useful summary of the ways people travel to work in large cities. Given that these data have been published previously, they are not the focus of this release.

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