

The four dimensions of social vulnerability and their corresponding indicators, Canada 2021			
Dimension 1	Dimension 2	Dimension 3	Dimension 4
Racialized identity	Government pension	No high school diploma (or equivalent)	More difficulty with activities of daily living because of psychological problems
Housing deemed not acceptable	Not in labour force	Indigenous identity	Recent movers
Recent immigrants	Older adults living alone	One parent family with more than three children	Social assistance
No knowledge of official languages	More difficulties with activities of daily living because of physical problems	Employment insurance recipients	Relatively lower median value of dwellings
Relatively more remote <sup>1</sup>	Women	Relatively more remote	Relatively lower median household income
Dwellings with five or more storeys	Low income	Unemployed	More difficulties with activities of daily living because of physical problems
Unemployed		Low income	Dwellings with five or more storeys
Relatively lower median value of dwellings <sup>2</sup>		Social assistance	Low income
			Housing deemed not acceptable
			No knowledge of official languages <sup>3</sup>

1. This indicator was negatively associated with Dimension 1, such that being relatively more remote contributed to lower social vulnerability in this dimension.

2. This indicator was negatively associated with Dimension 1, such that a relatively lower median value of dwellings contributed to lower social vulnerability in this dimension.

3. This indicator was negatively associated with Dimension 4, such that having no knowledge of either official language contributed to lower social vulnerability in this dimension.

**Notes:** The dimensions are ordered such that the dimension on the left explains the highest percentage of the variance of the data and the dimension on the right explains the lowest percentage. Similarly, the indicators below each dimension are ordered such that the first indicator explains the highest percentage of the variance in the dimension and the last indicator explains the lowest percentage. Indicators contribute to higher social vulnerability unless otherwise specified. Certain indicators contribute to more than one dimension.

**Source:** [2021 Canadian Index of Social Vulnerability](#), based on 2021 Census of Population long-form questionnaire.