Municipality Selection Index Indicators

The Province selected the first cohort of municipalities for housing targets using processes developed based on work with economists and experts in the field that relied on 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 multi-storey 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%