



SUSTAINABILITY

GOAL 3: CREATE A VIBRANT AND SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY OF FACULTY, STAFF, STUDENTS AND RESIDENTS

Objective: Create a vibrant and sustainable community

Purpose: UBC plays an important role in shaping campus community life by offering on-campus housing to students, faculty, and staff, and providing amenities such as recreation facilities, community centres, libraries, parks, open spaces, and child care within our neighbourhoods and academic lands. We are committed to increasing housing choice and affordability, the provision of quality amenities, and sustainable transportation options. This commitment is driven by UBC's vision to be a world-class community of scholars with beautiful, functional, and sustainable campuses.

We aspire to physically deliver "Place of Mind" throughout the Okanagan and Vancouver campuses by weaving outstanding academic and cultural infrastructure into an inviting and inspiring public realm. Our goal is to create a model of a vibrant, complete, sustainable community at an urban neighbourhood scale, where people can live, work and learn together. To support the creation of a vibrant, healthy and thriving UBC community, we are developing and delivering community programs, advancing policy and planning work to support a complete campus community, and leveraging public space, campus landscape and infrastructure investments with cultural, artistic and social assets to develop strong community programs and create extraordinary campus experiences.

Definition: The following metrics report on UBC's progress towards creating a vibrant and sustainable community of faculty, staff, students and residents. Key metrics include: a) the percentage of trips to and from campus using sustainable modes of transportation; b) the number of student beds; c) the number of staff and faculty housing units; and d) the number of childcare spaces.

Overall Metrics¹:

	Okanagan			Vancouver		
	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15
Transportation Mode Share						
<i>% of Trips by Sustainable Modes²</i>	49% ³	51%	-	71%	71%	-
<i>% of Trips by Transit</i>	28% ³	32%	-	55%	55%	-
Student Beds						
<i>Student Beds</i>	1,676	1,676	1,676	9,432	10,041	9,989
<i>Three-Year Rolling Average</i>	1,676	1,676	1,676	9,122	9,574	9,820
Faculty and Staff Housing (Vancouver only)						
<i>Total Faculty and Staff Housing Units</i>				593	593	593
<i>Restricted Rental Units</i>				395	395	395
<i>Co-Development Units</i>				198	198	198

	Okanagan			Vancouver		
	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15
Childcare						
Total Childcare Spaces	36	36	36	730	730	742
UBC Child Care Services	36	36	36	574	574	574
External Child Care Providers	-	-	-	156	156	168

¹ The most recent year of available data for each metric is reported.

² Sustainable modes include transit, carpool, walking, cycling.

³ Okanagan campus Transportation Status Reports were produced biannually until 2013/14. As a result, these figures are from the 2011 Transportation Status Report. Reports will be produced annually starting in 2013/14.

Explanation of the Results and Next Steps

Transportation Modes: This measure indicates the percentage of person trips to and from campus using sustainable modes of transportation (transit, carpool, walking, cycling). Transportation to and from UBC's campuses represents a significant portion of the UBC community's environmental impact. UBC has goals to reduce single occupancy vehicle trips to and from campus and to enable and promote sustainable modes of transportation. UBC has been successful shifting trips to sustainable modes of transportation in recent years and will seek to continue that success. UBC's 2014/15 Transportation Status Reports will be available in Summer 2015.

Next steps: UBC Vancouver's new Transportation Plan was completed in 2014. One of the Plan's goals is to increase sustainable transportation to and from the campus. Work on an Okanagan campus Transportation Plan is expected to commence in 2015/16. At both campuses, UBC will continue to advocate for transit improvements to meet its transportation goals.

Student Beds: This metric measures the current number of student beds and a three-year rolling average of student beds available on both campuses. In 2014/15, the small decrease in student beds at the Vancouver campus was due to decommissioning of units in the Acadia Park courts.

Next Steps: At UBC's Vancouver campus, Ponderosa Commons Phase 2 is expected to be completed in late 2015, adding an additional 554 student beds. Orchard Commons is under construction and will add more than 1,000 beds in mid-2016. In recognition of on-campus housing's importance to UBC's sustainability goals and students' academic success and experience, the University will continue to develop student housing on both campuses in response to demand and as financial resources allow.

Faculty and Staff Housing Units: This metric measures the number of units of faculty and staff housing. Faculty and staff housing is only available at the Vancouver campus; there are no faculty/staff units at the Okanagan campus at this time.

Next steps: When it opens in May 2015, Nobel House in the Wesbrook Place neighbourhood of the Vancouver Campus will provide 94 units of new faculty/staff rental housing. An additional University Rental Housing project (for faculty, staff and students) is underway in the University Boulevard area and is expected to be completed in 2016/17. UBC's Housing Action Plan commits up to 30% of future Vancouver campus housing to options for faculty and staff. This includes up to 20% restricted rental housing for faculty and staff, and up to 10% restricted home ownership housing for tenure and tenure-track faculty.

Childcare Spaces: This measure indicates the number of child care spaces provided on both campuses by UBC Child Care Services and external child care providers. Child care is an important community amenity for students, faculty, staff and residents. A small number of spaces were added on the Vancouver campus in 2014/15.

Next steps: A childcare strategy to expand the number of spaces on campus is underway. On the Vancouver campus, the nearly-completed Nest (new Student Union Building) includes 16 child-minding spaces and the Orchard Commons student housing project will include childcare facilities.

For more information on UBC's sustainability policies, plans, and reports, please refer to UBC Annual Sustainability Reports, available online at: <http://sustain.ubc.ca/our-commitment/strategic-plans-policies-reports/annual-reports>