

# Wellington Region Genuine Progress Index (WR-GPI)

**MEASURING  
THE REGION'S  
WELL-BEING**

## **WHAT IS A GPI?**

A Genuine Progress Index (GPI) is a holistic measurement tool that governments and communities can use to measure whether a country or region's growth, increased production of goods, and expanding services have actually improved the well-being of the people in the region or country.

It counts beneficial activities as positive, harmful activities as negative, and provides a systematic way to integrate economic issues with environmental, social and cultural concerns.

## **HOW IS THE WELLINGTON REGION GPI USED?**

The WR-GPI was developed in 2009 as a well-being monitoring tool designed to assist the implementation and evaluation of the Wellington Regional Strategy (WRS).

Public feedback received during the formulation of the WRS expressed the importance of achieving quality of life for all members of society and noted that economic growth should not be sought at the expense of the community or the environment.

The WR-GPI enables the strategy's stakeholders to understand the effect a range of activities have upon the economic, environmental, social and cultural aspects of life in the Wellington region.

The Greater Wellington Regional Council incorporates this approach in its annual planning and reporting processes.

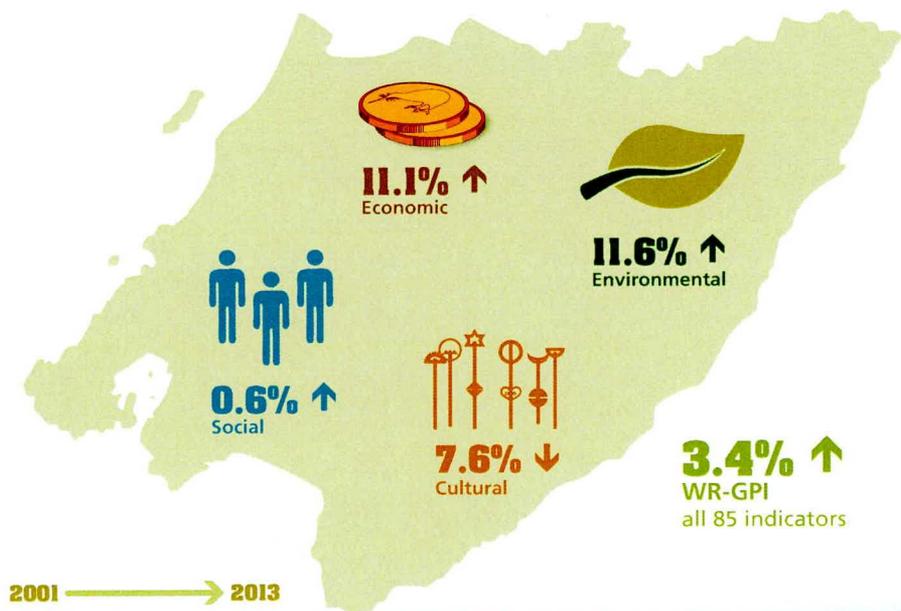


## WHAT DOES THE WR-GPI TELL US?

The WR-GPI increased by 3.4% between 2001 and 2013. This shows that overall, well-being in the region has improved since 2001. There were some fluctuations, with decreases occurring in 2002 and 2009. Despite these dips however, the overall trend has continued to improve.

When looking at the entire 13 year time period, the biggest increases were in the economic and environmental aspects. The social aspect didn't change much, and the cultural aspect declined. These dynamics are explored in more detail on the WR-GPI website.

The WR-GPI can help the community, along with policy and decision makers identify aspects of life in the region that are progressing well, and those that require attention.



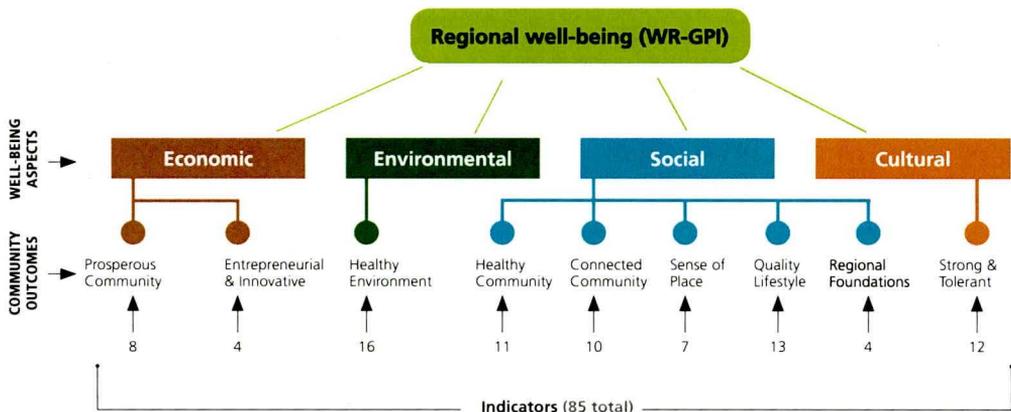
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Overall WR-GPI and Four Well-being aspects from 2001 to 2013

## HOW DOES THE WR-GPI WORK?

The WR-GPI contains 85 individual indicators. These are organised into nine community outcome areas, which are then grouped into four well-being aspects.

The aggregate of all four aspects provides a regional figure - the WR-GPI.

Results are calculated for each year in the time series (currently 2001-2013) enabling a trend to be mapped over time. The framework is pictured below.



The WR-GPI is published approximately every 5 years, as that is when the majority of the data used in the index is updated.

Detailed information about the most recent update, published in 2014, is available at the website [gpi.wellingtonregion.govt.nz](http://gpi.wellingtonregion.govt.nz)