

Times Higher Education Impact Rankings 2022

OVERVIEW OF RESULTS

Contextual Information

The UN created 17 Sustainable Development Goals in 2015 as a set of global benchmarks to be reached by 2030 focused on environmental, social, and economic sustainable development. York University began participating in the Impact rankings upon its inception in 2019 and has demonstrated itself to be a national and international leader in SDG initiatives.

For each SDG, THE asks for quantitative and qualitative data on research, teaching, community outreach, and stewardship indicators for each one.

THE evaluates institutions on SDG17 and the next 3 highest scoring SDGs.

Scores are summed and then scaled up so the highest scoring institution scores 100 (so achievement is dependent on how other institutions do). As a relatively new ranking, there has been considerable fluctuations in individual performance as more institutions have joined the ranking.

Table 1: Summary of York's Performance in the THE Impact Rankings

Release Year	Overall York Rank	Canada Rank	York Score	Percentile Rank	Total Institutions
2022	33	7	93.4	2.34	1,406
2021	67	11	88.4	5.99	1,118
2020	33	8	91.3	4.30	768
2019	26	5	89.6	5.57	467

It is a significant success that our overall rank has jumped to 33rd worldwide from 67th in 2021. This positions us at the **7th highest ranked Canadian institution** (up from 11th). This occurred despite increasing competition as there were 1,406 participating institutions in 2022 compared to 1,117 in 2021.

This year our overall rank was comprised of the scores from **sustainable development goals (SDG) 11, 12 and 16** (in addition to the mandatory SDG17).

Individual SDG Performance

See tables 2, 3,4, and 5 to see how York has positioned in each of the SDGs individually (Table 2), how York has ranked in each SDG relative to the competition (Table 3), how York research scored in each SDG (Table 4), and how York had performed compared to Canadian competitors (traditional and local; Table 5).

Table 2: Top 10, 50 and 100 ranked SDGs for York University demonstrating world leading performance in SDGs 5, 10, 11, 12, and 16

Ranking	United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (2022)	United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (2021)
Top 10 Globally	SDG 11. Sustainable Cities and Communities SDG 16. Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions	NONE
Top 50 Globally	SDG 5. Gender Equality SDG 10. Reduced Inequalities SDG 12. Responsible Consumption and Production	SDG 1. No Poverty SDG 5. Gender Equality SDG 11. Sustainable Cities and Communities
Top 100 Globally	SDG 1. No Poverty SDG 6. Clean Water and Sanitation SDG 15 Life on Land SDG 17. Partnership for the Goals	SDG 6. Clean Water and Sanitation SDG 10. Reduced Inequalities SDG 12. Responsible Consumption and Production SDG 15 Life on Land SDG 16. Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions SDG 17. Partnership for the Goals

Table 3: Relative Performance of York in each SDG Globally

See highlighted SDGs outlining change in performance in 2022 relative to 2021: **York Strength**, **Modest Increase in Performance**, **Drop in Performance**.

Note: N/A indicates that we did not submit data for that particular SDG for strategic reasons.

	2022			2021		
	Rank	Total Participants	Percentile	Rank	Total Participants	Percentile
Overall	33	1,406	97 th	67	1,117	94 th
SDG 1. No Poverty	58	769	92 nd	32	591	94 th
SDG 2. Zero Hunger	N/A	553	N/A	95	442	78 th
SDG 3. Good Health and Well-being	301-400	1,101	63 rd	101-200	871	77 th
SDG 4. Quality Education	N/A	1,180	N/A	201-300	965	69 th
SDG 5. Gender Equality	21	938	97 th	64	776	91 st
SDG 6. Clean Water and Sanitation	51	634	91 st	68	520	86 th
SDG 7. Affordable and Clean Energy	N/A	705	N/A	101-200	560	64 th
SDG 8. Decent Work and Economic Growth	N/A	849	N/A	92	685	86 th
SDG 9. Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure	N/A	785	N/A	101-200	680	70 th

SDG 10. Reduced Inequalities	39	796	95 th	45	669	93 rd
SDG 11. Sustainable Cities and Communities	10	783	98 th	24	665	96 th
SDG 12. Responsible Consumption and Production	23	604	96 th	67	503	86 th
SDG 13. Climate Action	N/A	674	N/A	201- 300	566	47 th
SDG 14. Life Below Water	N/A	452	N/A	81	379	78 th
SDG 15. Life on Land	83	521	84 th	31	402	92 nd
SDG 16. Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions	9	809	98 th	55	653	91 st
SDG 17. Partnerships for the Goals	67	1,438	95 th	27	1,154	97 th

Table 4: Research Performance in the Impact Rankings

Our research scores have improved marginally, primarily due to increase in publications recognized as SDG relevant. Increase in recognized publications is due to THE/Elsevier’s paper recognizing algorithms and we have limited to no control there. Field weighted citation impact shows minimal changes.

*Note some SDGs use specific citation measurements aside from Field Weighted Citation Impact.

#Total research scores are out of 100 – given the table below, our research scores have lots of room for growth.

SDGs	Research Score [#]			Publications Recognized (7 to 14% of the research score)				Field Weighted Citation Impact*	
	2021	2022	Change in Score	2021	2022	Change in Score	Weight	2021	2022
SDG 1. No Poverty	80.9	76.8	-5%	141	143	1%	10%	1.07	1.1
SDG 3. Good Health and Well-being	84	87.2	4%	970	1,142	18%	7%	N/A	N/A
SDG 5. Gender Equality	79.9	80.9	1%	290	315	9%	7%	N/A	N/A
SDG 10. Reduced Inequalities	72.2	74.9	4%	461	494	7%	7%	1.22	1.27
SDG 12. Responsible Consumption and Production	76.1	71.7	-6%	112	139	24%	7%	2.27	2
SDG 15. Life on Land	65.6	72	10%	159	184	16%	7%	1.27	1.52
SDG 16. Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions	87.4	90.1	3%	413	429	4%	7%	4.43	5.33

SDG 17. Partnerships for the Goals	78.1	75.5	-3%	2,951	3,351	14%	13.55%	N/A	N/A
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Table 5: Comparison of Performance in the IMPACT Rankings compared to Canadian competitors showing the rankings, contributing SDGs to the score (in addition to SDG 17) and number of SDGs each institution participated in

There is some general consistency in the contributing SDGs and the number of SDGs participated in varies, likely due to availability of resources at each institution.

	York University		Simon Fraser		Guelph University		University of Toronto		Queen's University	
	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022
Overall Rank	67	33	46	101-200	101-200	16	34	90	5	7
SDG Contributing to Score	SDG 11. Sustainable Cities and Communities	SDG 11. Sustainable Cities and Communities	SDG 11. Sustainable Cities and Communities	SDG 11. Sustainable Cities and Communities	SDG 2. Zero Hunger	SDG 1. No Poverty	SDG 8. Decent Work and Economic Growth	SDG 3. Good Health and Well-being	SDG 1. No Poverty	SDG 1. No Poverty
	SDG 15. Life on Land	SDG 12. Responsible Consumption and Production	SDG 13. Climate Action	SDG 13. Climate Action	SDG 6. Clean Water and Sanitation	SDG 2. Zero Hunger	SDG 9. Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure	SDG 9. Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure	SDG 2. Zero Hunger	SDG 9. Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure
	SDG 16. Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions	SDG 16. Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions	SDG 16. Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions	SDG 16. Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions	SDG 8. Decent Work and Economic Growth	SDG 6. Clean Water and Sanitation	SDG 12. Responsible Consumption and Production	SDG 11. Sustainable Cities and Communities	SDG 16. Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions	SDG 11. Sustainable Cities and Communities
Number of Participating SDGs	16	9	16	16	11	16	11	12	16	16