Times Higher Education Impact Rankings 2023

OVERVIEW OF RESULTS

Contextual Information

The United Nations created 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in 2015, establishing a framework of worldwide targets to achieve by 2030, with a specific emphasis on environmental, social, and economic sustainable development. York University has actively engaged in the Impact rankings and has emerged as a leader, both nationally and internationally, in driving SDG initiatives.

THE (Times Higher Education) requires quantitative and qualitative data on research, teaching, community outreach, and stewardship indicators for each of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). THE evaluates institutions on SDG17 and the next 3 highest scoring SDGs.

In the ranking system, scores are aggregated and then scaled up, resulting in the highest scoring institution receiving a score of 100. Therefore, the achievement of each institution is relative to the performance of other institutions. Since it is a relatively new ranking, there have been significant 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
2023	**40**	**9**	**92.1**	**2.51**	**1,591**
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

This positions York as the 9th highest ranked Canadian institution. This occurred despite growing competition, with the number of participating institutions increasing from 1,406 in 2021 to over 1,500 in 2023.

This year, York's overall rank was comprised of the scores from **sustainable development goals (SDG) 10, 11, and 12** (in addition to the mandatory SDG17).

Individual SDG Performance

See tables 2, 3,4, and 5 to see how York has performed in each of the SDGs individually (Table 2), how York has ranked in each SDG relative to the competition (Table 3), how York research output 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 1, 2, 10, 11, 12.

Ranking	United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (2023)	United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (2022)	United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (2021)
Top 10 Globally	NONE	SDG 11. Sustainable Cities and Communities SDG 16. Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions	NONE
Top 50 Globally	SDG 1. No Poverty SDG 10. Reduced Inequalities SDG 11. Sustainable Cities and Communities SDG 12. Responsible Consumption and Production	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 2. Zero Hunger SDG 5. Gender Equality SDG 13. Climate Action SDG 16. Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions SDG 17. Partnership for the Goals	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 2023 relative to 2022: 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.

	2023			**2022**		
	Rank	**Total Participants**	**Percentile**	**Rank**	**Total Participants**	**Percentile**
Overall	40	1591	97th	33	1,406	97th
SDG 1. No Poverty	21	876	98th	58	769	92nd
SDG 2. Zero Hunger	99	647	85th	N/A	553	N/A
SDG 3. Good Health and	301-400	1218	67th	301-400	1,101	63rd

Well-being						
SDG 4. Quality Education	301-400	1304	69th	N/A	1,180	N/A
SDG 5. Gender Equality	55	1081	95th	21	938	97th
SDG 6. Clean Water and Sanitation	101-200	702	72th	51	634	91st
SDG 7. Affordable and Clean Energy	101-200	812	75th	N/A	705	N/A
SDG 8. Decent Work and Economic Growth	301-400	960	58th	N/A	849	N/A
SDG 9. Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure	201-300	873	66th	N/A	785	N/A
SDG 10. Reduced Inequalities	25	901	97th	39	796	95th
SDG 11 Sustainable Cities and Communities	12	860	99th	10	783	98th
SDG 12. Responsible Consumption and Production	46	674	93rd	23	604	96th
SDG 13. Climate Action	89	735	88th	N/A	674	N/A
SDG 14. Life Below Water	101-200	504	61st	N/A	452	N/A
SDG 15. Life on Land	101-200	586	66th	83	521	84th
SDG 16. Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions	54	910	94th	9	809	98th

SDG 17. Partnerships for the Goals	67	1625	96th	67	1,438	95th

Table 4: Research Performance in the Impact Rankings

York's research scores have improved marginally, primarily due to an increase in publications recognized as SDG relevant. Increase in recognized publications is due to THE/Elsevier's paper recognizing algorithms. 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.

	Research Score#			**Publications Recognized (7 to 14% of the research score)**				**Field Weighted Citation Impact***	
SDGs	**2023**	**2022**	**Change in Score**	**2023**	**2022**	**Change in Score**	**Weight**	**2023**	**2022**
SDG 1. No Poverty	80.3	76.8	4.56%	145	143	1.4%	10%	1.6	1.1
SDG 2. Zero Hunger	73.3	-	-	66	-	-	7%	1.67	-
SDG 3. Good Health and Well-being	87.1	87.2	-0.11%	1355	1,142	18.65%	7%	N/A	N/A
SDG 4. Quality Education	75.2	-	-	200	-	-	-	N/A	N/A
SDG 5. Gender Equality	82.7	80.9	2.2%	289	315	-8.25%	7%	N/A	N/A
SDG 6. Clean Water and Sanitation	69.2	61.7	12.16%	165	142	16.2%	7%	1.2	-

SDG 7. Affordable and Clean Energy	78.7	-	-	308	-	-	7%	1.94	-
SDG 8. Decent Work and Economic Growth	82.3	-	-	288	-	-	13%	N/A	-
SDG 9. Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure	88.9	-	-	283	-	-	11.6%	N/A	-
SDG 10. Reduced Inequalities	76.2	74.9	1.74%	505	494	2.23%	7%	1.35	1.27
SDG 11. Sustainable Cities and Communities	76.5	70.8	8.05%	316	304	3.95%	7%	1.4	1.32
SDG 12. Responsible Consumption and Production	82.2	71.7	14.64%	148	139	6.47%	7%	2.97	2
SDG 13. Climate Action	66.8	-	-	209	-	-	7%	1.49	-
SDG 14. Life Below Water	71.7	-	-	74	-	-	7%	1.5	-
SDG 15. Life on Land	73.5	72	2.08%	173	184	-5.98%	7%	1.42	1.52
SDG 16. Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions	90	90.1	-0.11%	466	429	8.62%	7%	3.39	5.33

SDG 17. Partnerships for the Goals	76	75.5	0.66%	3,625	3,351	8.18%	13.55%	N/A	N/A