

CANADA
Information on Indicators for Sustainable Development

Country	Canada
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Additional information:	<p>The Canadian Environmental Sustainability Indicators (CESI) initiative provides data and information to track Canada's performance on three issues of concern to Canadians: air quality, water quality and greenhouse gas emissions. The fourth annual report, released in 2008, builds on previous reports released in 2005, 2006 and 2007.</p> <p>The 2008 report includes several innovations intended to render it more relevant and accessible to Canadians. The redesigned website presents the information in a more concise and less technical manner by answering key questions about each issue. Indicator results are also better linked to their key social and economic pressures and drivers, as well as to how they are influenced by individual or household behaviour. CESI also includes the ability to view and search for local and regional information on a map and, for the first time, compares Canada's performance with that of other selected countries.</p> <p>The accompanying Data Sources and Methods section of the website documents the methodology used to generate each of the indicators, where and how the data are collected, and their current limitations.</p> <p>The 2008 report is available on the web at this address: http://ec.gc.ca/indicateurs-indicators/</p> <p>A highlights report is also available on the same site and in PDF format.</p>