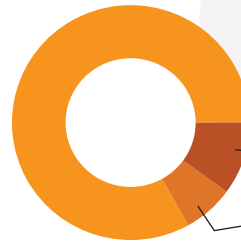


Human rights in Chetwynd

Chetwynd is home to



- As of 2021,
- 26% of Chetwynd residents were Indigenous
 - 12% were visible minorities



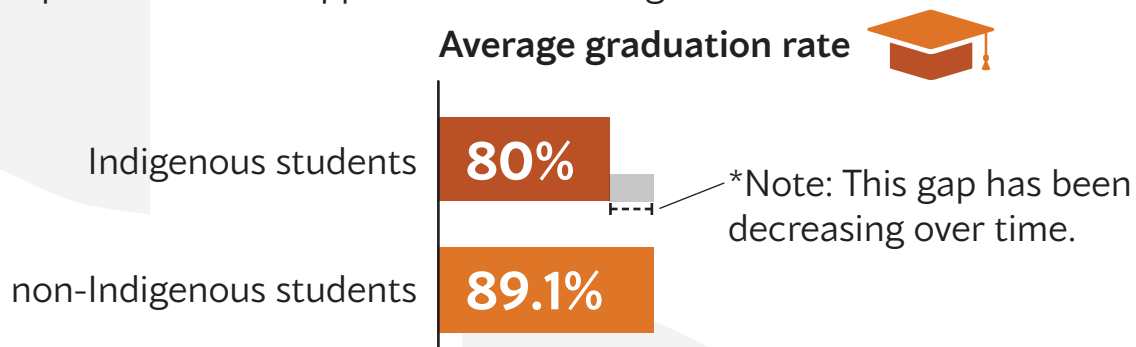
Colonization, discrimination and hate in Chetwynd

Racism and discrimination against Indigenous people, newcomers, women and LGBTQ2SAI+ people are human rights challenges in Chetwynd. Colonialism has a significant impact on the racism and discrimination experienced by Indigenous people in Chetwynd.



Anti-Indigenous racism in education

Gaps in education opportunities for Indigenous students



“Boom and bust” economy and human rights



A boom and bust economy often leads to fluctuations in access to essentials like food, housing, health care and education.



The unemployment rate in Chetwynd has fluctuated significantly over the last 20 years.

In 2021, the unemployment rate was **7.1%***

*This has likely increased since the Canfor sawmill closed in April 2023.

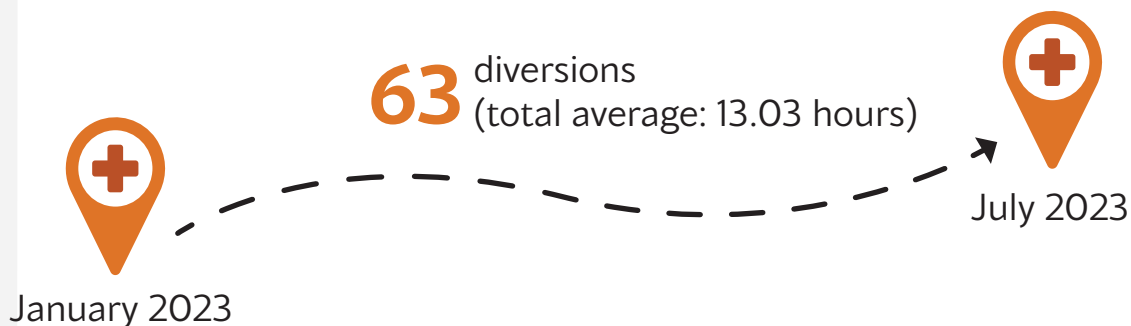
The economy also impacts rates of sexual and gender based violence experienced by women, especially Indigenous women.

“ There are mostly non-Indigenous men who [come] to our area, and there’s so many incidents of sexual violence against women and girls that are not ... reported, that nobody knows about but us. —Community member ”

Access to health care



The need to travel to access medical services is a human rights issue in Chetwynd. For example, the hospital is often on diversion, meaning emergency patients are sent to another hospital.



About BC’s Office of the Human Rights Commissioner

Under B.C.’s *Human Rights Code*, B.C.’s Human Rights Commissioner is responsible for promoting and protecting human rights in the province. Learn more about our Office at bchumanrights.ca

BCOHRC Baseline Project in Chetwynd

The Baseline Project is a multi-year community-based research project, through which BC’s Office of the Human Rights Commissioner (BCOHRC) aims to understand the state of human rights in B.C. Chetwynd was one of four communities that we examined in detail. This work would not have been possible without Chetwynd’s Community partner, Tansi Friendship Centre Society.

For more information about Chetwynd’s human rights story, please consult the Chetwynd Community Brief at baseline.bchumanrights.ca/chetwynd