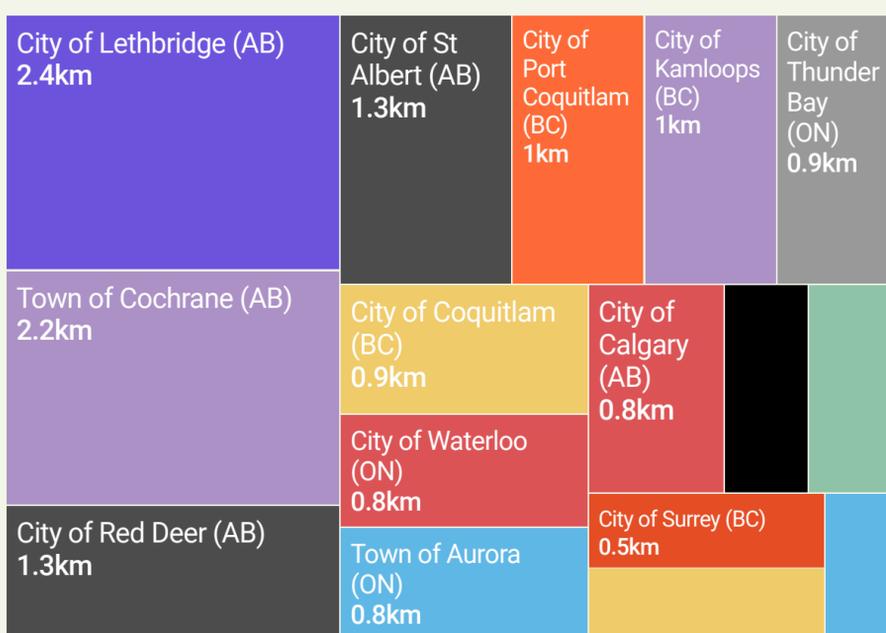


# Tracks and trails

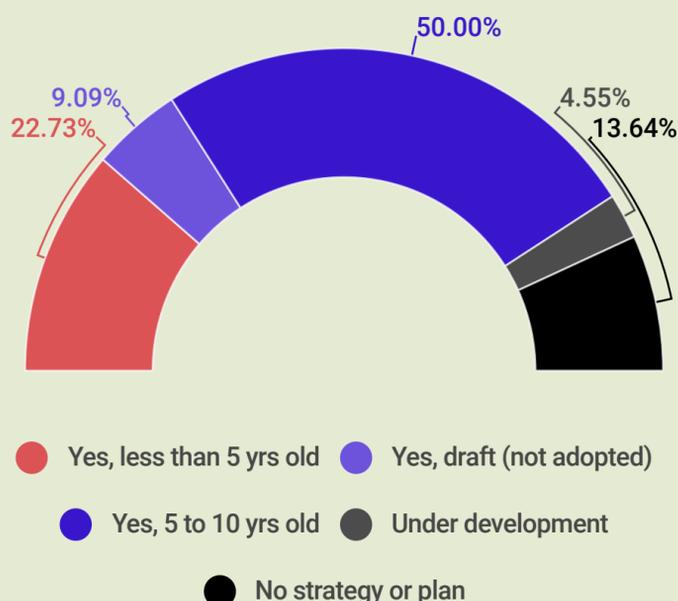
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## 1. Provision of trails

The median length of trails provided by Canadian members in 2019 is 0.85 km per 1,000 residents. Around half of members provide between 800 and 1,300m per 1,000 residents. These results are very similar to 2018.



## 2. Trail strategy



Around 73% of Yardstick members in Canada have an operative strategy or plan for trails or walkways. A further 23% have a strategy under development or in draft form, and 14% have no strategy. A strategy assesses the current level of service, identifies further demand, sets a target level of service and identifies how that level of service will be provided.

## 3. Maintenance costs/km

The median maintenance expenditure per kilometre of track or trail has varied slightly over the past four years amongst members that have provided at least 2 years of complete data out of the last four years. Median expenditure in 2017 was notably lower than other years. Actual expenditure varied from \$844 to \$9,526 per kilometre in 2019.



## 4. Provision trends



Trail provision has been fairly constant over the last five years, with the median sitting between 0.8 and 0.9 kilometres per 1,000 residents. This suggests that trail development in most areas is keeping pace with population growth.

Do you know what your current level of service is for provision and expenditure on tracks and trails? Do you have a strategy for your tracks and trails that guides future delivery? Will this mean a change in level of service or method of service delivery? What impact is this going to have on your operational expenditure? If you can't answer these questions, contact us at [www.yardstickglobal.org](http://www.yardstickglobal.org)