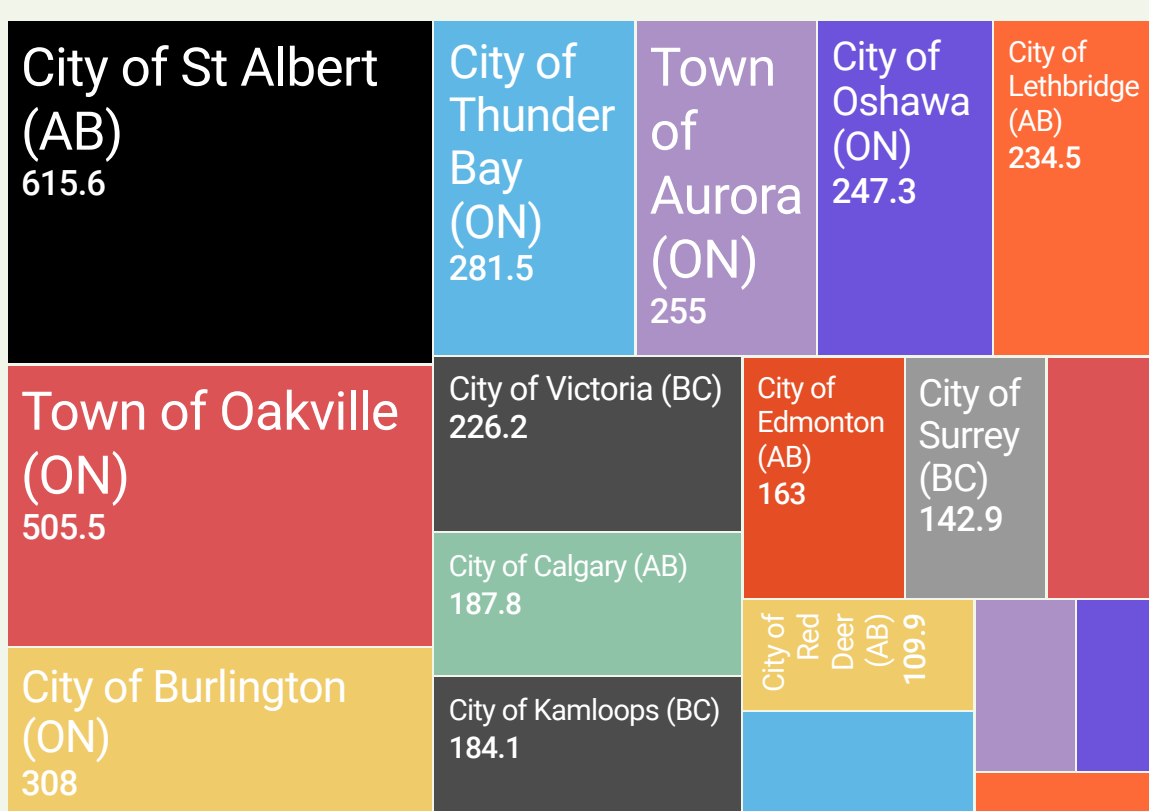


Street trees

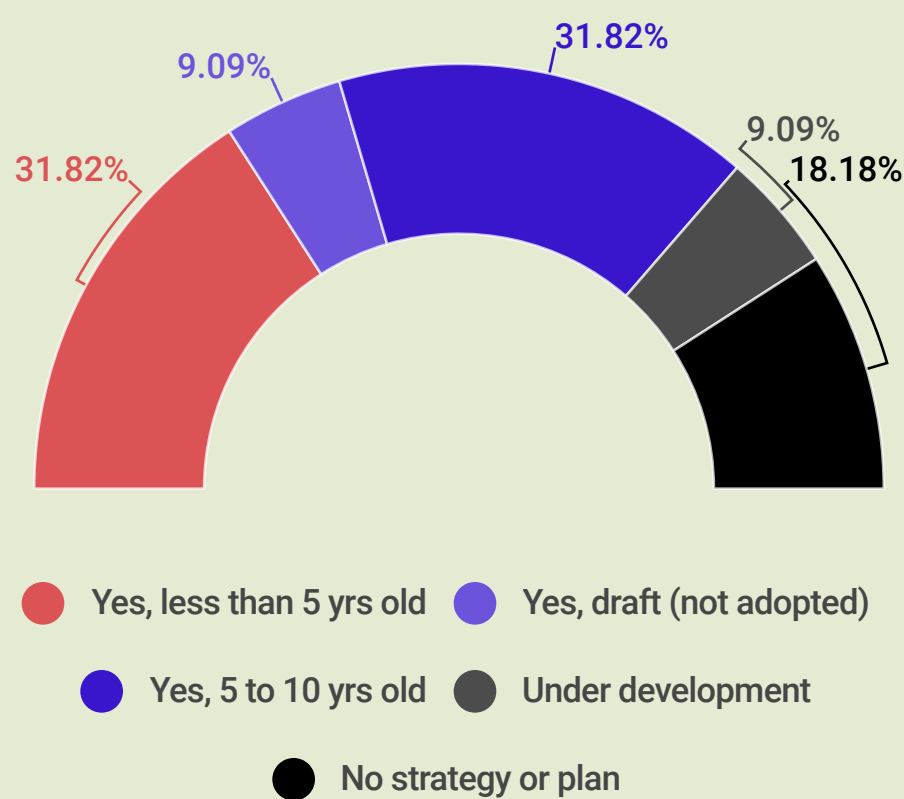
Yardstick is a suite of benchmarking tools that delivers need to know information for your business to inform your decision making and improve your service delivery. The information in this report comes from the 2018 Yardstick Parks Benchmarking project for Canada.

1. How many street trees?

The median provision of street trees per 1000 residents is around 186 trees. The level of service for provision of street trees varies from 38 to 616 trees per 1000 residents.



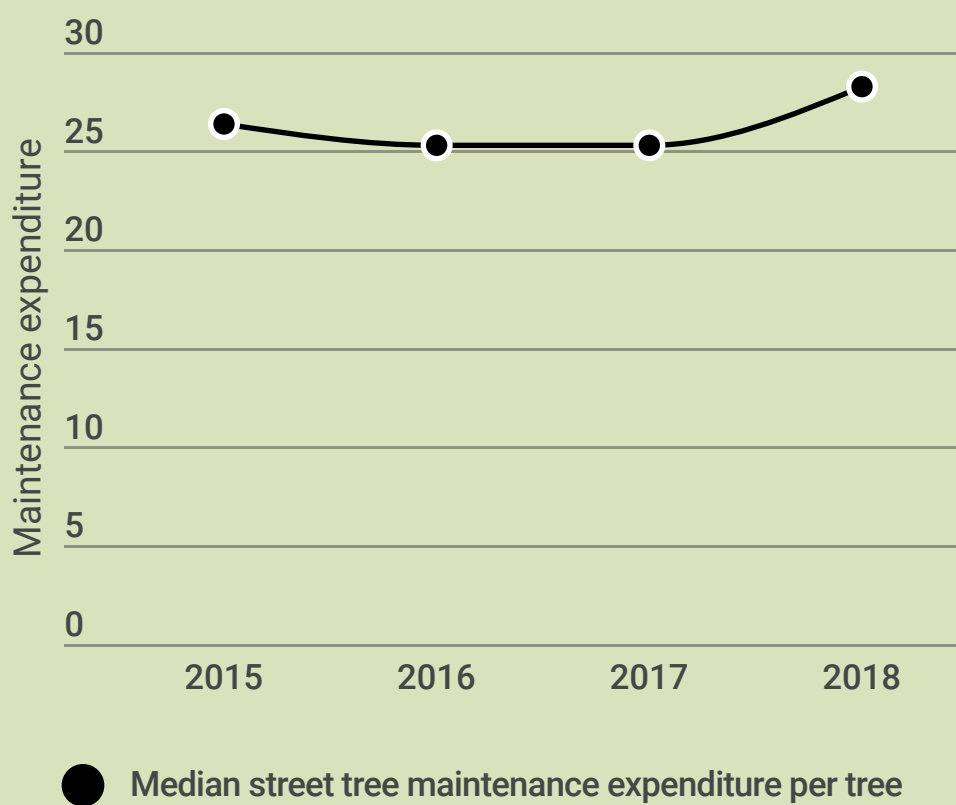
2. Tree strategy



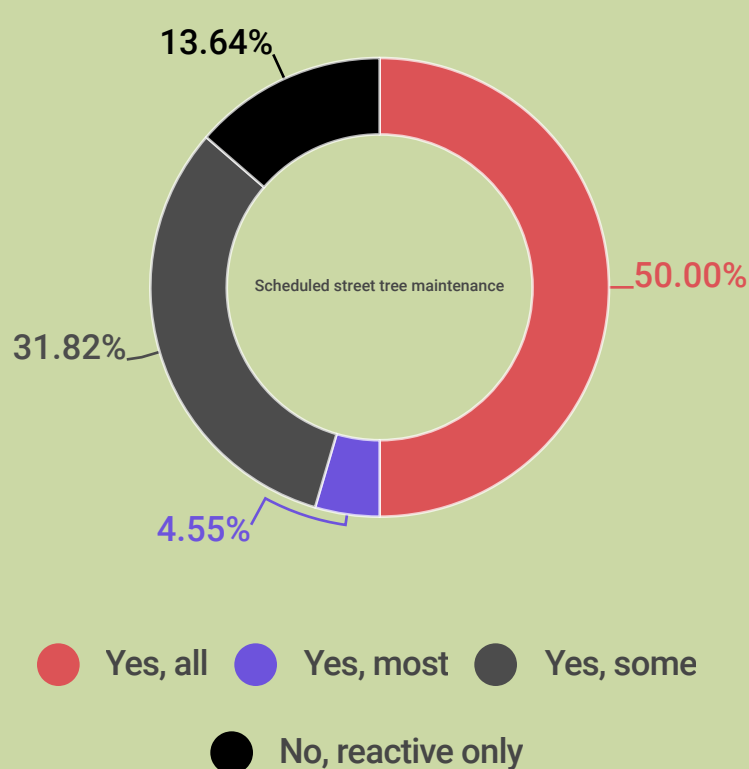
Around 64% of Yardstick members have a strategy or plan for provision of trees, including street trees and urban forestry. Of these, half are over 5 years old. A strategy assesses the current level of service, identifies further demand, sets a target level of service and identifies how that level of service will be provided.

3. Expenditure per tree

The median maintenance expenditure per street tree has remained fairly steady over the last four years at \$25 to \$28 per tree. Expenditure per tree in 2018 varied from \$13 to \$93.



4. Scheduled maintenance



Half of members have a scheduled maintenance programme for all their street trees. Only 14% of members don't proactively schedule any street tree maintenance, with all maintenance being reactive.

Do you know what your current level of service is for provision and expenditure on street trees? Do you have a strategy for your trees or urban forests? 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