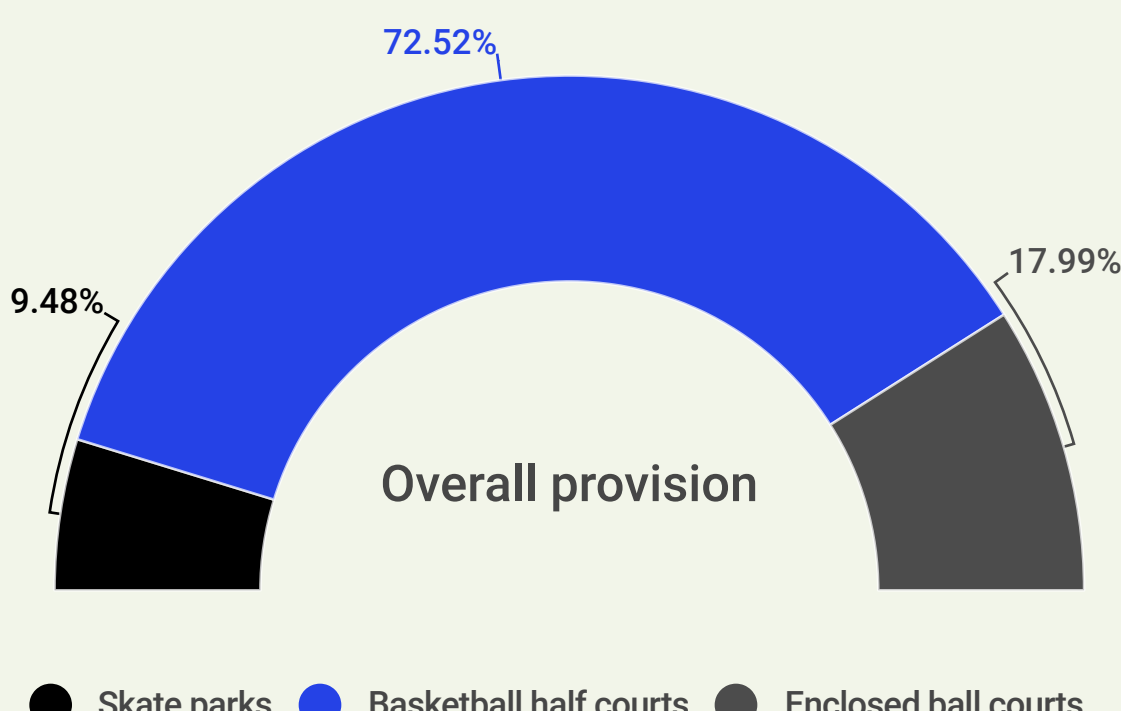


# Youth facilities

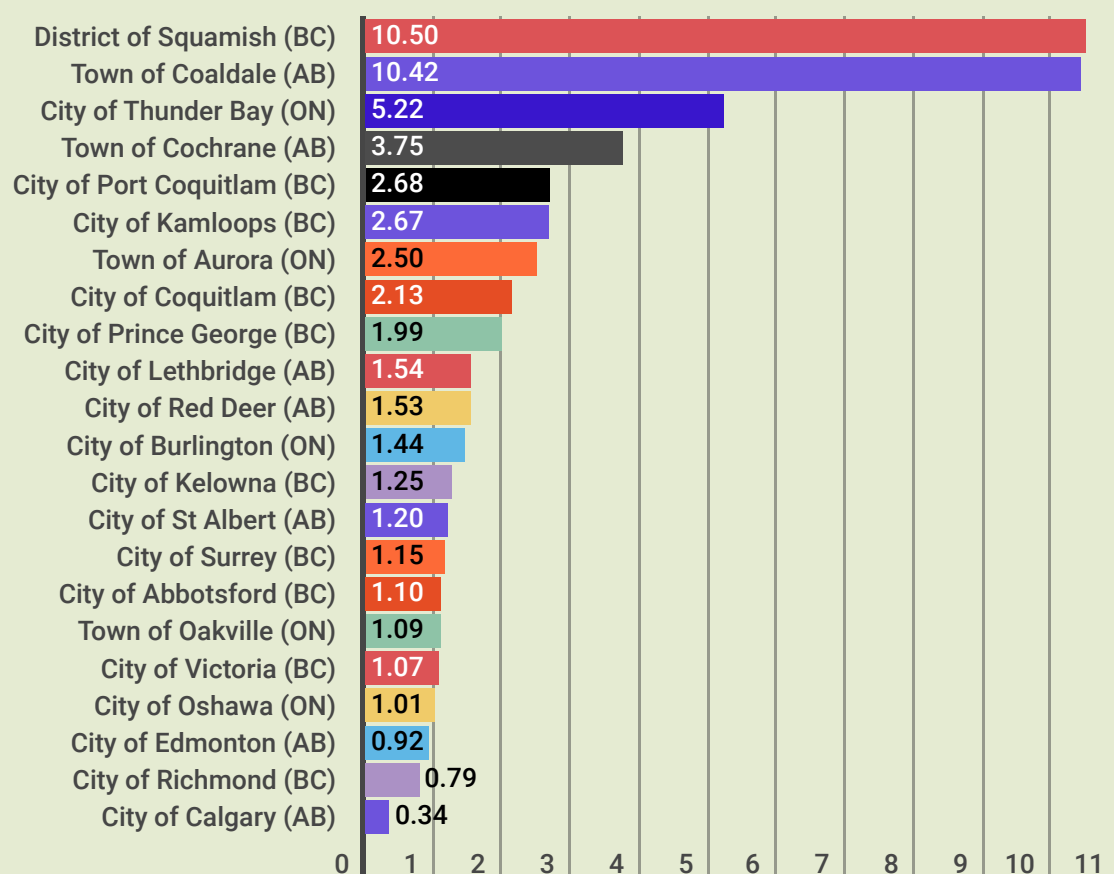
Yardstick is a suite of benchmarking tools that delivers need to know information for your business to inform your decision making and improve your service delivery. The information in this report comes from the 2018 Yardstick Parks Benchmarking project. Youth facilities cater predominantly for young people from 15 to 24 years of age, but can be used by any age group. Youth facilities include skate parks, basketball courts and half courts, and enclosed ball courts. BMX tracks, ice facilities and tennis courts are excluded.

## 1. What do we provide?

The overall provision of youth facilities is heavily weighted towards basketball courts and half courts, with these making up nearly 3/4 of the facility numbers. Skate parks comprise around 9.5% overall.



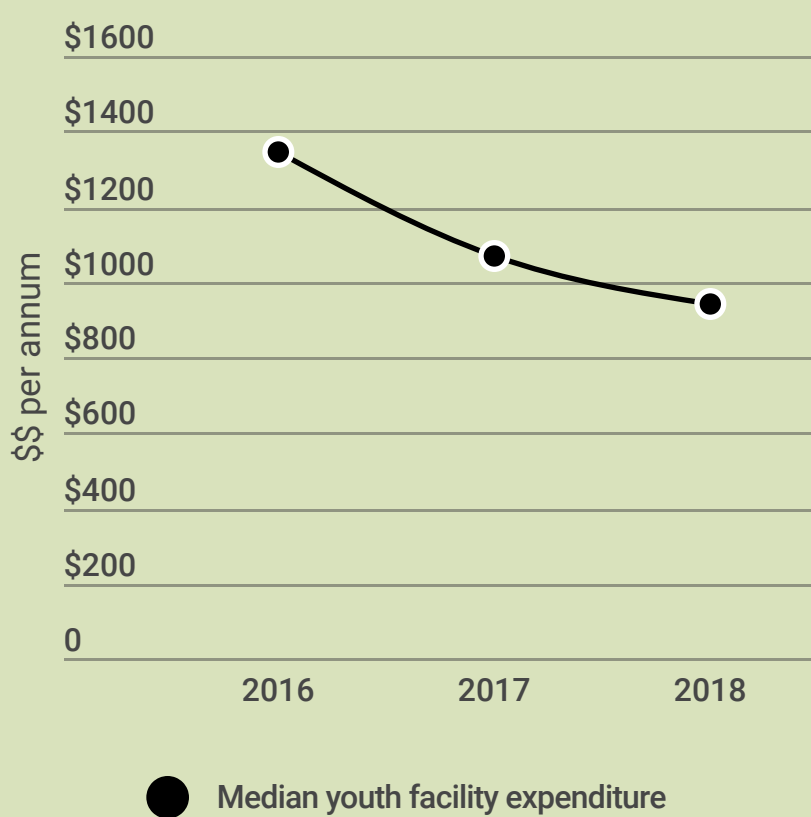
## 2. Skate parks



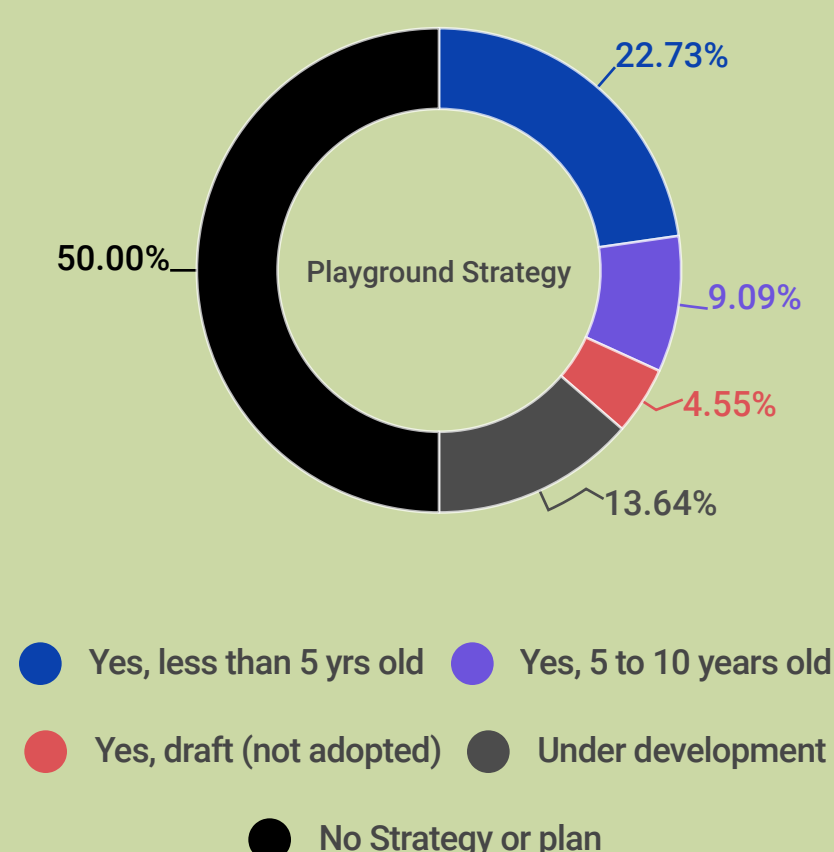
The median provision of skate parks per 10,000 youth aged between 15 and 24 (2016 census) is 1.5. This compares with 4 in Australia and 6 in New Zealand. 68% of members provide between 1 and 3 skate parks per 10,000 youth. The highest level of provision is generally in the smaller centres.

## 3. Expenditure

Many members are unable to identify their operational and maintenance expenditure on youth facilities separately from playground expenditure. For those members that do, the median youth facility expenditure has fallen from \$1,343 to \$940 per facility since 2016.



## 4. Strategic planning



Playground strategies have been used as an indicator for strategic planning for youth facilities as the asset type is similar although it caters for a different age group. Half of members have no playground strategy, so are unlikely to have a strategy for provision of skate parks and other youth facilities unless these are included in a recreation strategy.

Do you know what your current level of service is for skate parks and other youth facilities? Do you have a strategy for future provision? 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

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