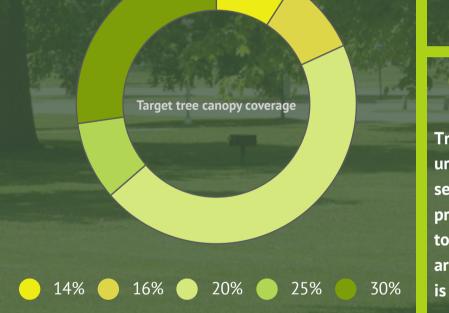
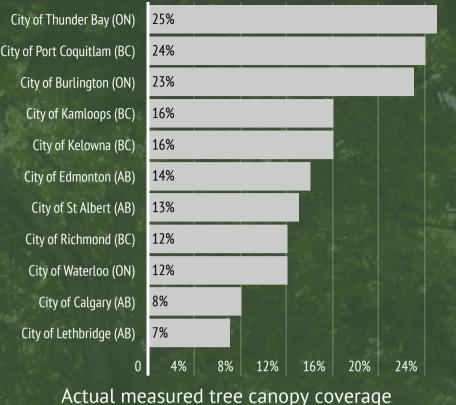
Yardstick Update

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Target tree canopy coverage varies from 14% to 30%, with the most common target being 20%.





Tree Canopy Cover

Tree canopy cover (TCC) is an important way of describing urban forests and is necessary to assess the ecosystem services they provide. TCC is the total area of tree crowns projected onto the ground. It is expressed as a percentage of total ground area, and is measured across the entire urban area including private residential areas as well as parks. TCC is measured using aerial photography and LiDAR data.

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When actual measured TCC is compared with targets, the level of achievement varies from 50% to 96%.

