

2024 REPORT CARD

ECONOMIC



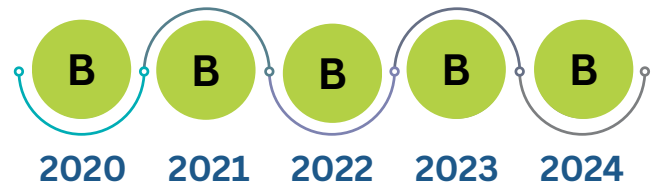
Gladstone Healthy
Harbour Partnership

What is the Economic component?

The economic component of Gladstone Harbour assesses how the harbour supports jobs, businesses, and industries that rely on a healthy and functioning waterway.

This includes sectors like shipping, tourism, commercial fishing, and recreation—all of which contribute to the local and regional economy.

The Economic component has received a Good (B) since monitoring began in 2015.



In 2024, the overall score for Economic Health was 0.71 corresponding to a Good (B) grade.

The 2024 scores were similar to the 2023 Report Card, except for a decline in the Employment indicator (2023: 0.43, 2024: 0.19)



How is it measured?

To assess the Economic Health of Gladstone Harbour, this report card uses eight indicators aggregated into three indicator groups:

- **Economic Performance** consists of Shipping activity, Tourism (expenditure), and Commercial fishing, selected to reflect the key industries using the harbour.
- **Economic Stimulus** consists of Employment and Socio-Economic status.
- **Economic Value (recreation)** assesses Land-based recreation, Recreational fishing, Beach-based recreation and Water-based recreation (non-fishing).

Data is collected through Gladstone Ports Corporation's shipping data, commercial fishing data, and a Computer Assisted Telephone Interview of Gladstone residents.