

2026 REPORT CARD

ECONOMIC

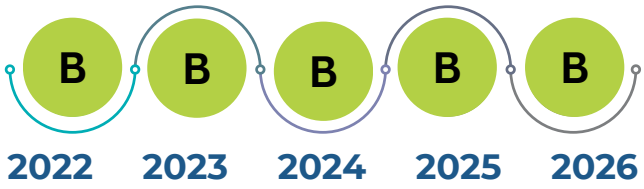
Gladstone Healthy Harbour Partnership

What is the Economic component?

The economic component 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 2026, the overall score for Economic Health was 0.73, a Good (B) grade.

The 2026 scores were similar to the 2025 Report Card, except for an improvement in commercial fishing and employment, and a slight decline in shipping activity.



How is it measured?

The Report Card uses eight indicators aggregated into three indicator groups:

- **Economic Performance** consists of Shipping activity, Tourism, 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.

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