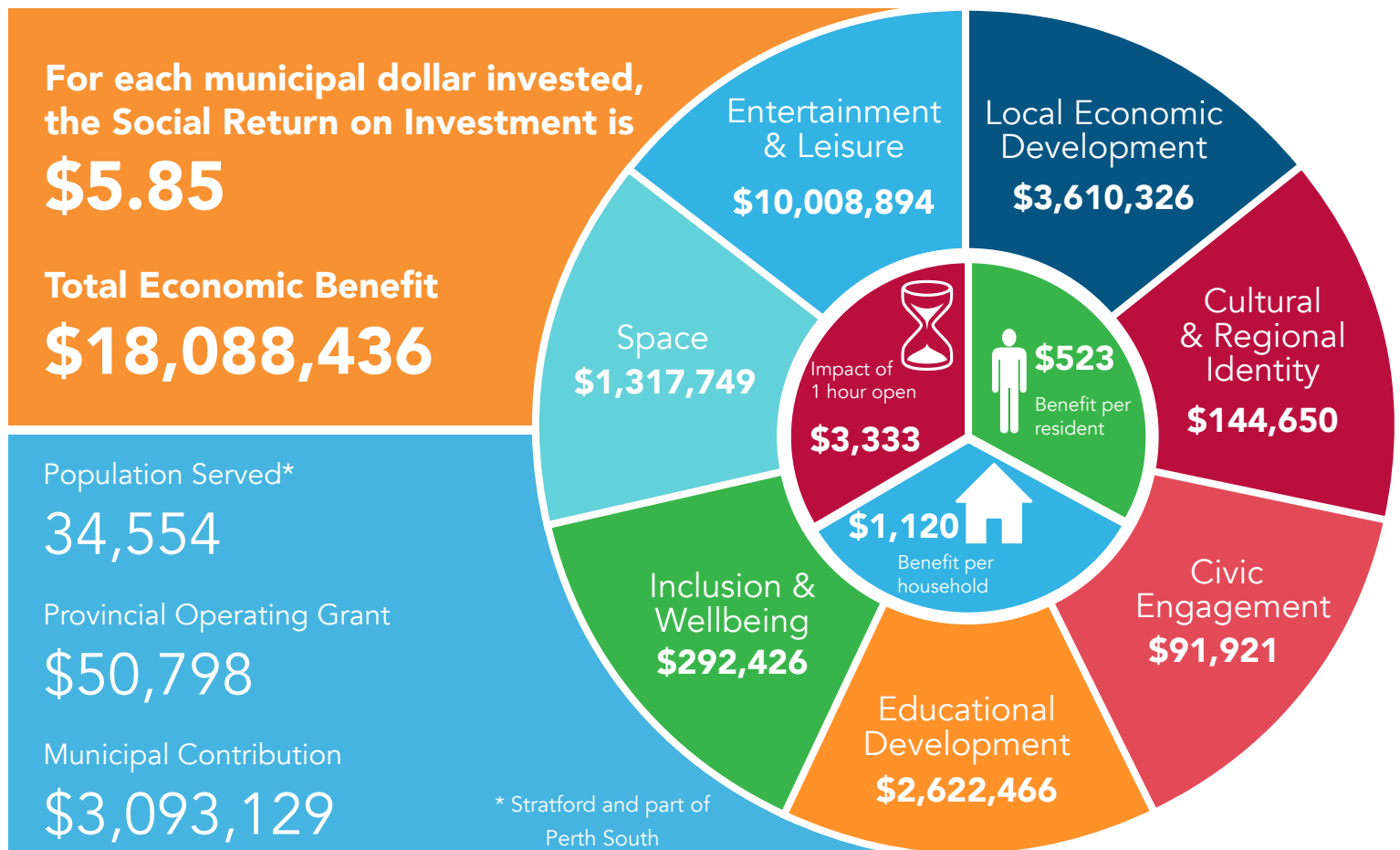


STRATFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

2025 SOCIAL RETURN ON INVESTMENT

Based on the Valuing Ontario Libraries calculation developed by the Ontario Library Service and NORDIK Institute



Our Library is Loved

In 2025, the library was visited in person **151,124** times, or **49** visits per hour open. **878,832** visits were made to the library's website and catalogue to access resources and information.

Libraries Bridge the Digital Divide

16 workstations and free wi-fi were used **25,376** times in 2025. Community members used these tools to apply for jobs, research health information, upgrade schooling and connect with family.

Libraries are Efficient with Tax Dollars

Stratford Public Library borrowed 30,488 items from other Ontario libraries, saving over **\$678,923**.

Libraries Support Social Cohesion

SPL programs support early literacy, newcomers, the maker movement and education. In 2025, **33,676** people attended **986** free programs.