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2019 SIW Report Highlights

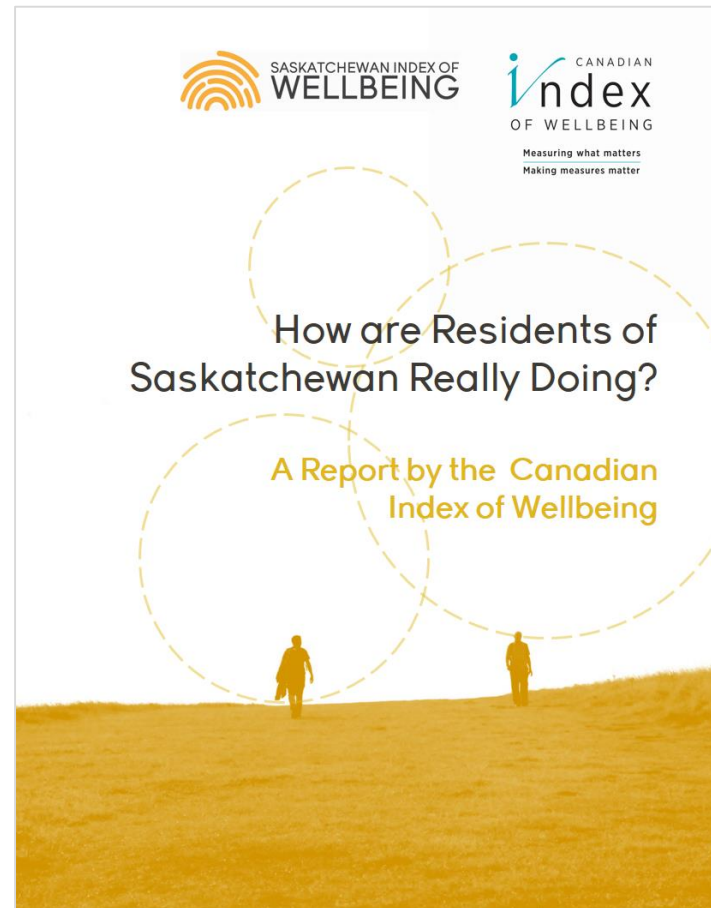




**Community
Initiatives Fund**

Heritage Saskatchewan and the Community Initiatives Fund have partnered to develop the SIW based on a shared vision that all Saskatchewan citizens enjoy a high quality of life and wellbeing.

The SIW report is a resource that expands our understanding of how well our communities and citizens are faring beyond the economic measures of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP).



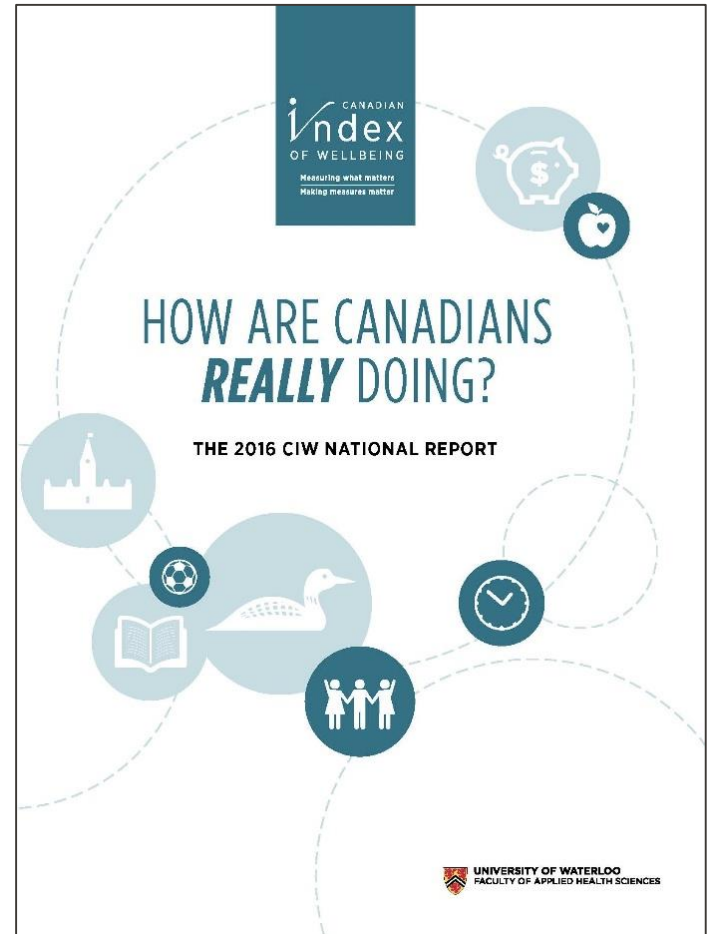
SIW measures 8 inter-connected domains



Where did this idea come from?

- SIW is based on the Canadian Index of Wellbeing (CIW), an initiative that reports on wellbeing at the national level.
- The first CIW report was released in 2011.

www.uwaterloo.ca/canadian-index-wellbeing



Why is the SIW important?



Ensures access to reliable, research-based evidence specific to Saskatchewan.



Informs decision making at a local, regional or provincial level.



Encourages multi-sectoral planning & implementation of initiatives.

SIW's Definition of Wellbeing

“Wellbeing is achieved when people are physically, emotionally and spiritually healthy; economically secure; have a strong sense of identity, belonging and place; and have the confidence and capacity to engage as citizens.”



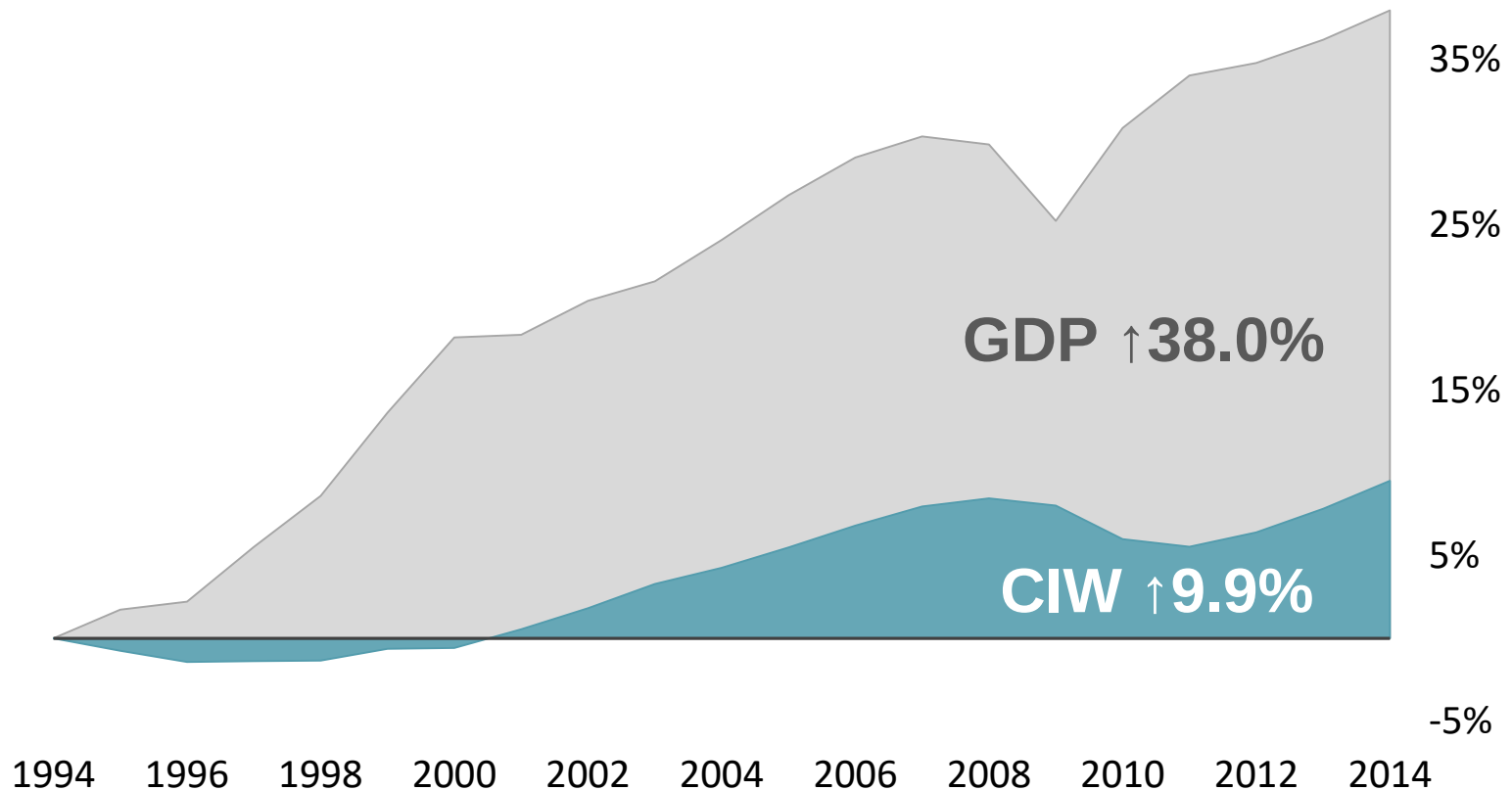
Desired outcomes for the SIW

Communities are implementing holistic approaches to addressing complex community issues.

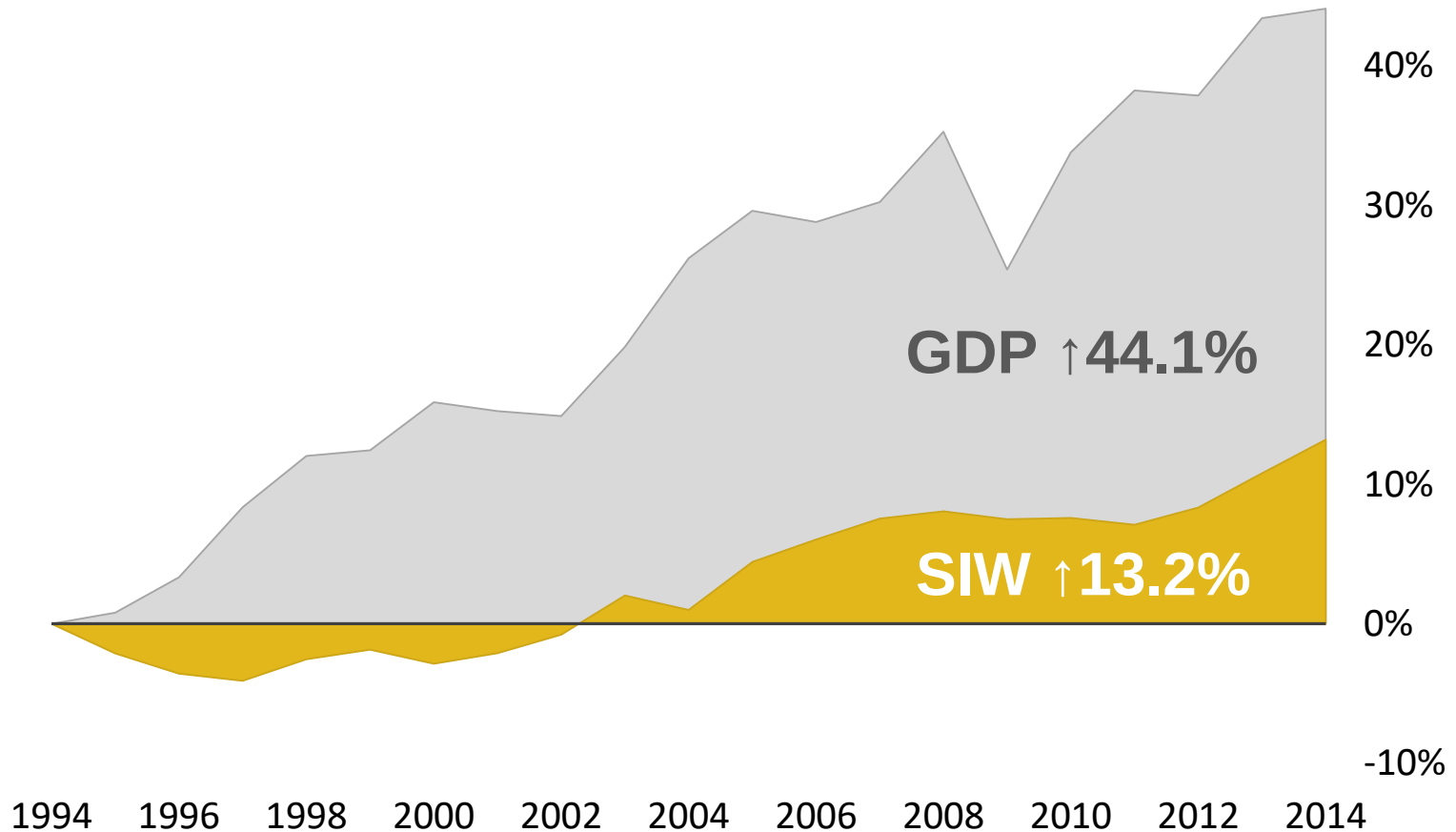
Policy-makers and decision-makers are making decisions based on solid, comprehensive evidence.

Saskatchewan citizens are empowered to advocate for change that results in the highest possible quality of life for all.

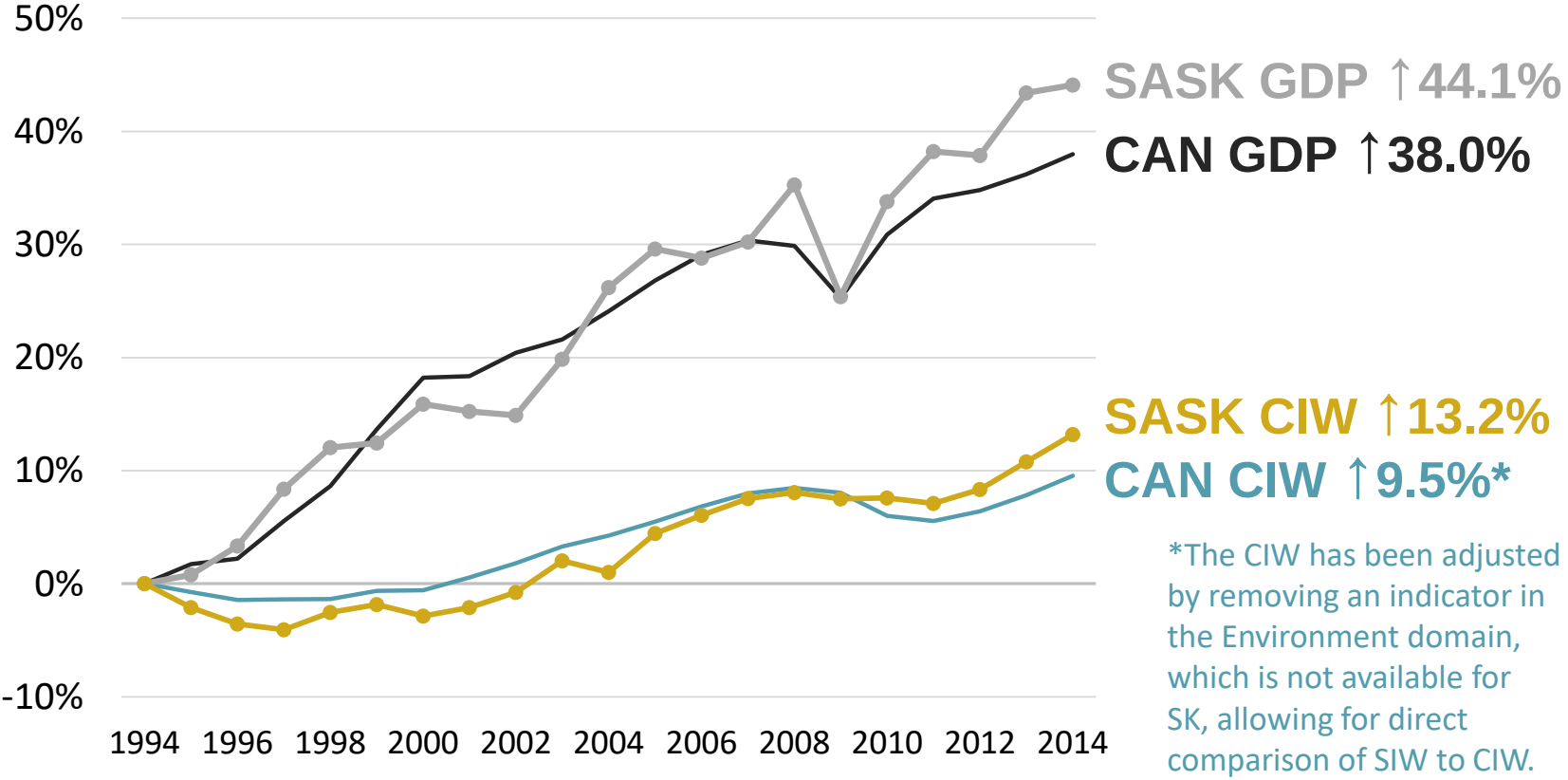
A significant gap is shown between Canada's GDP and wellbeing growth...



... a significant gap is also shown between Saskatchewan's GDP & wellbeing growth

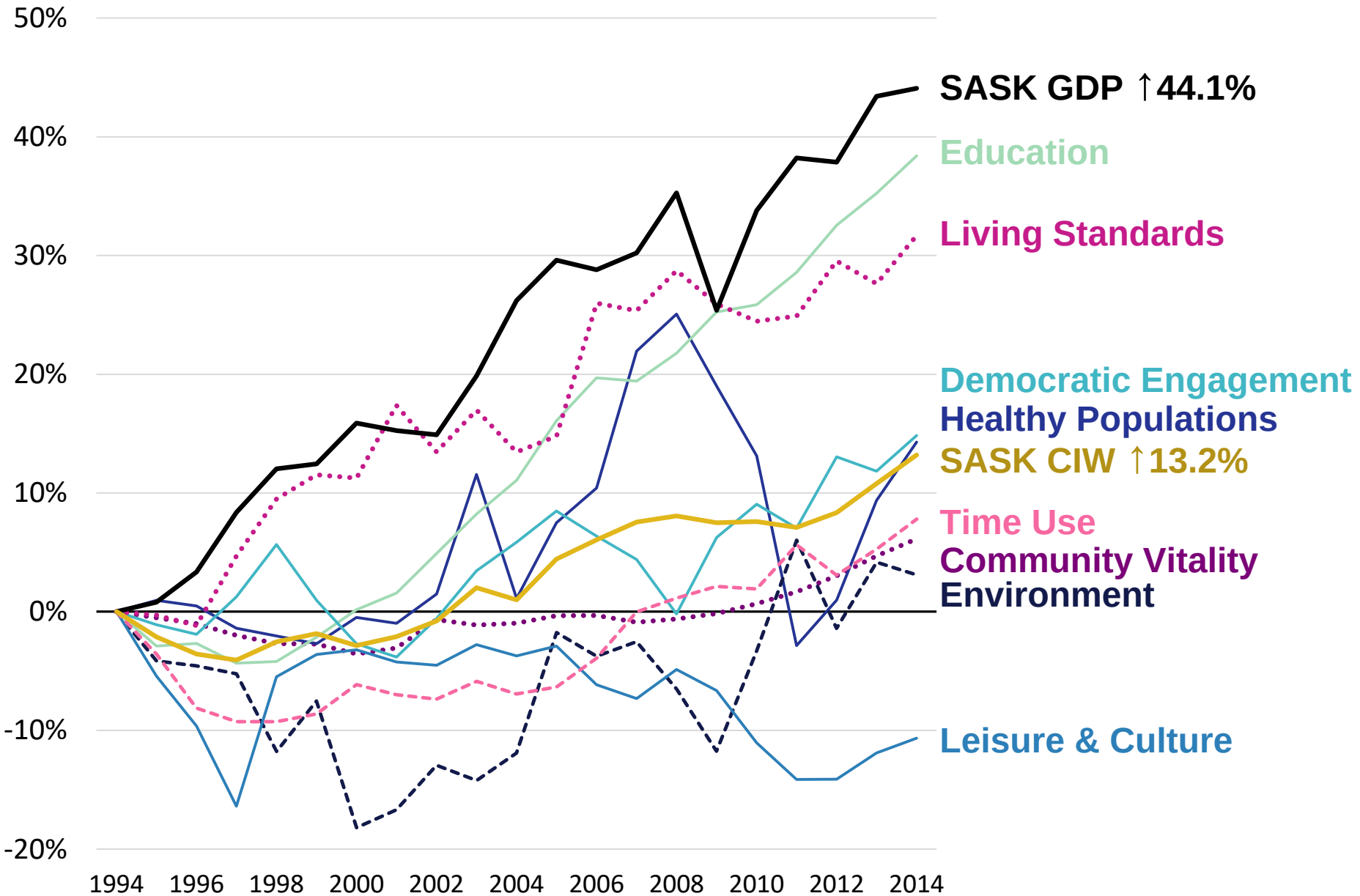


Progress in wellbeing in the province & across the country fell well short of the growth in GDP

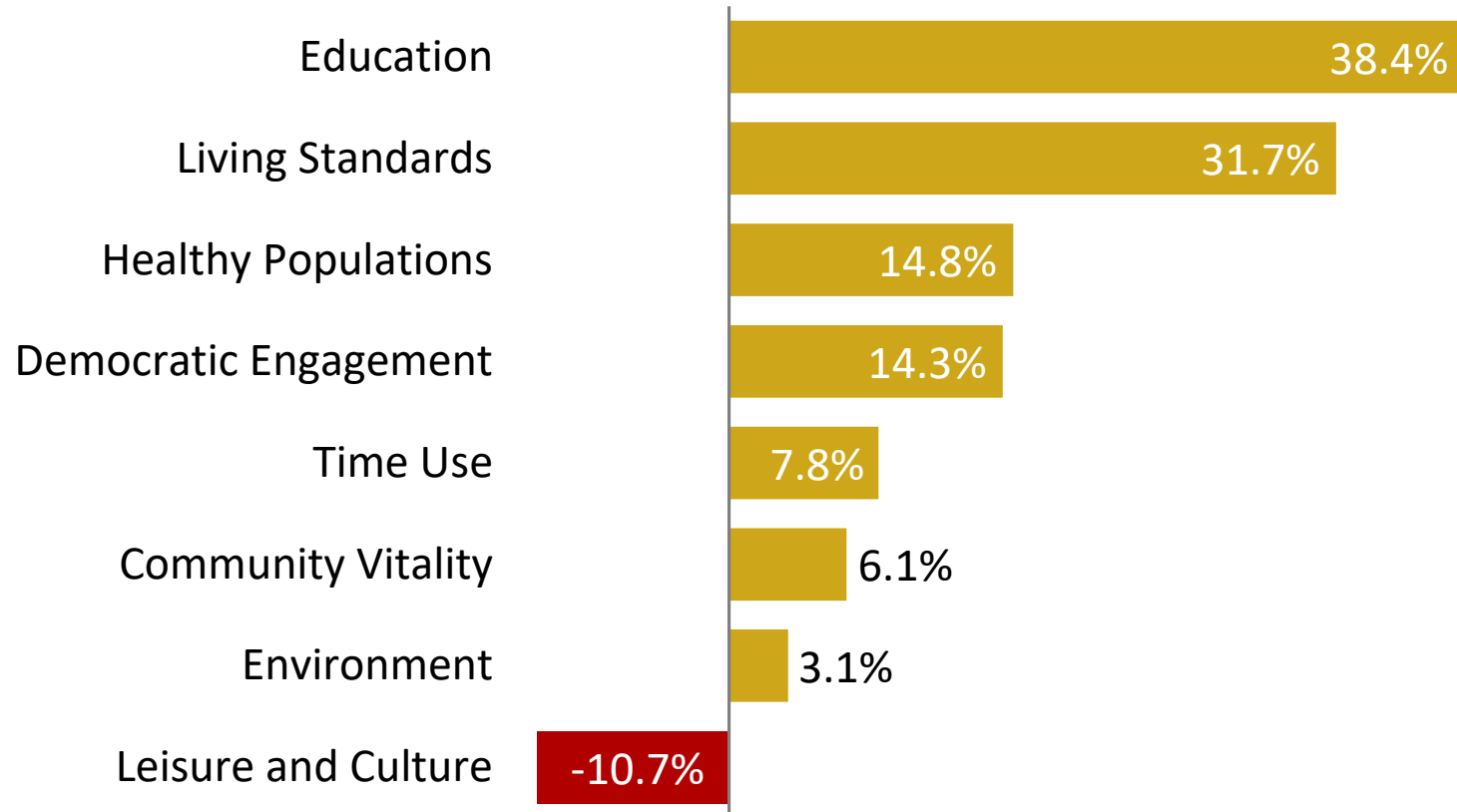


Trends in SIW's 8 domains, compared with GDP (per capita) from 1994 to 2014.

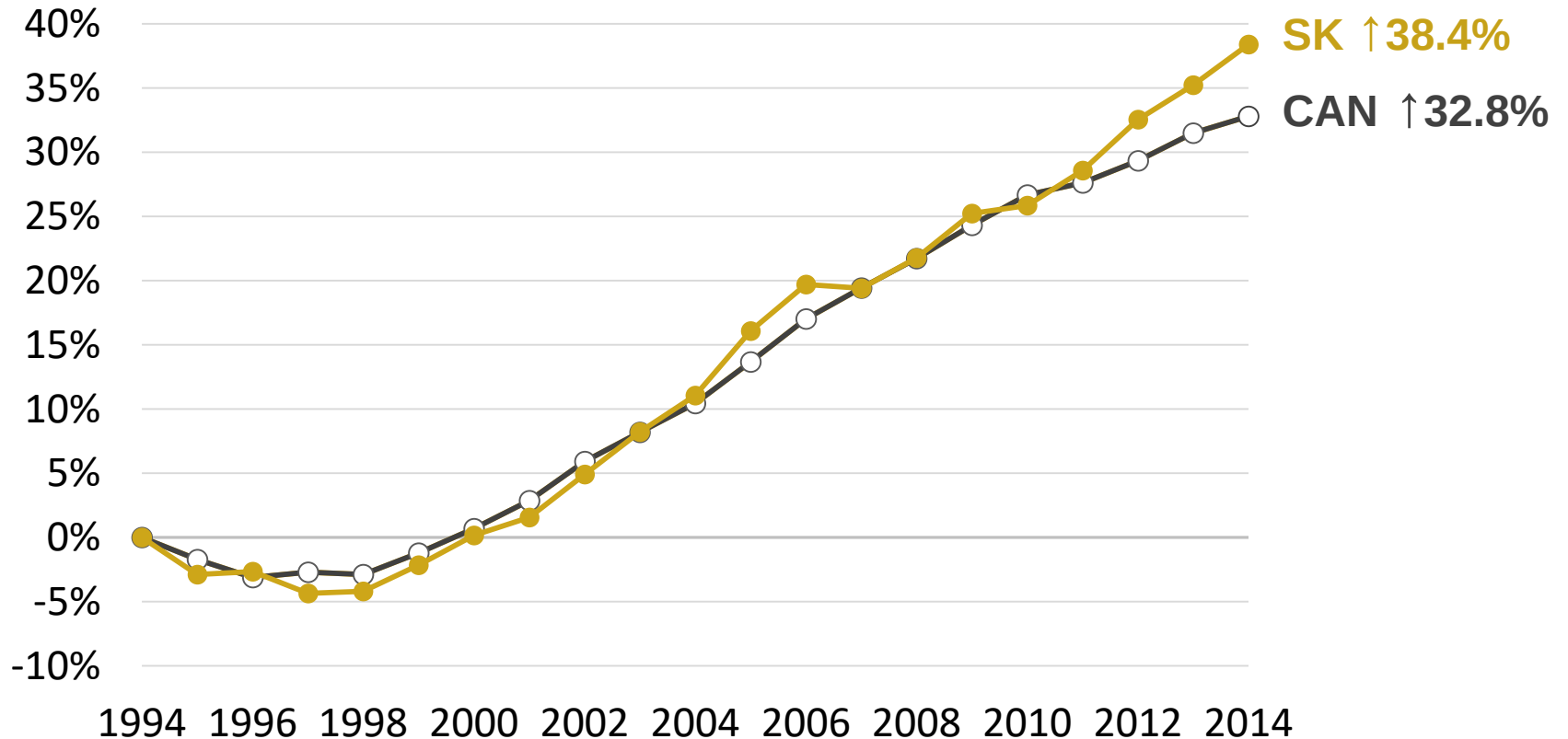




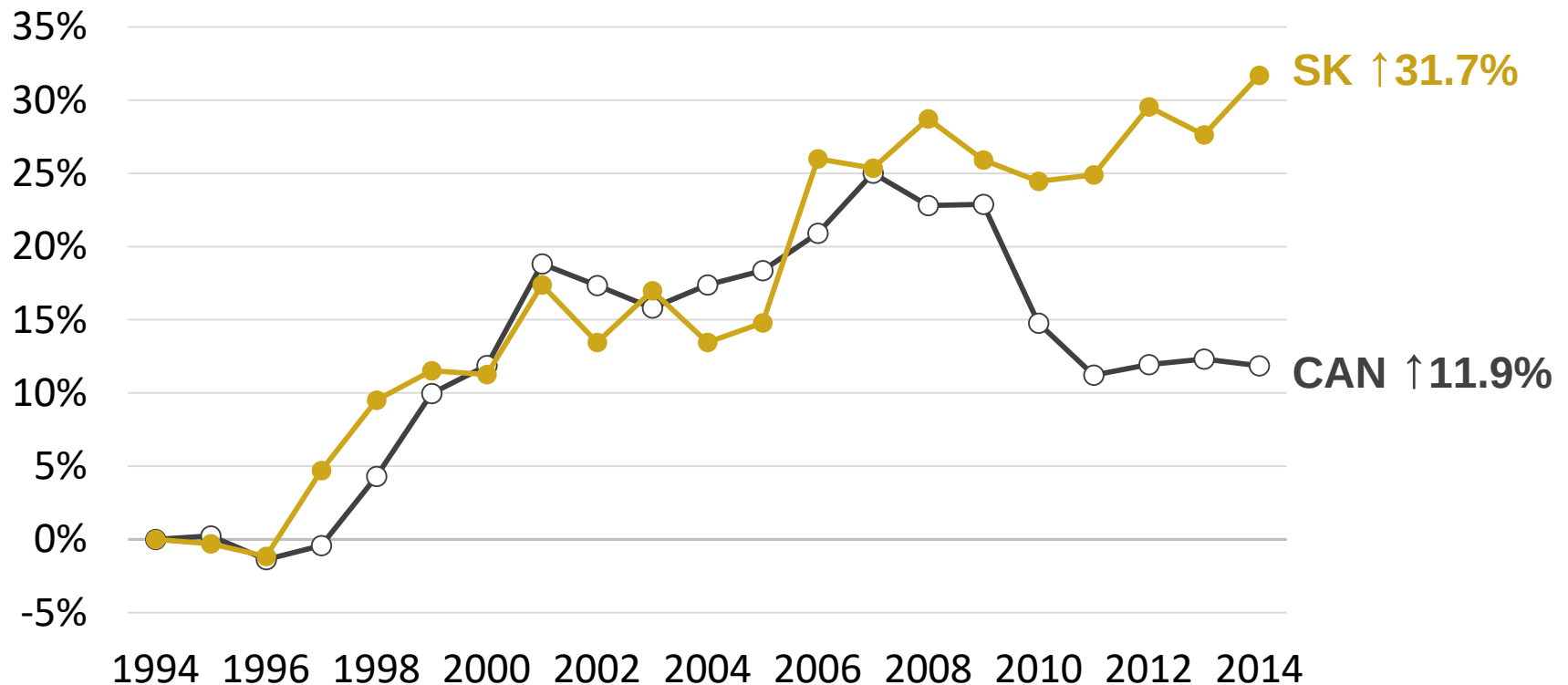
From 1994 to 2014, Saskatchewan has **increased** in all indicator areas **except Leisure & Culture**.



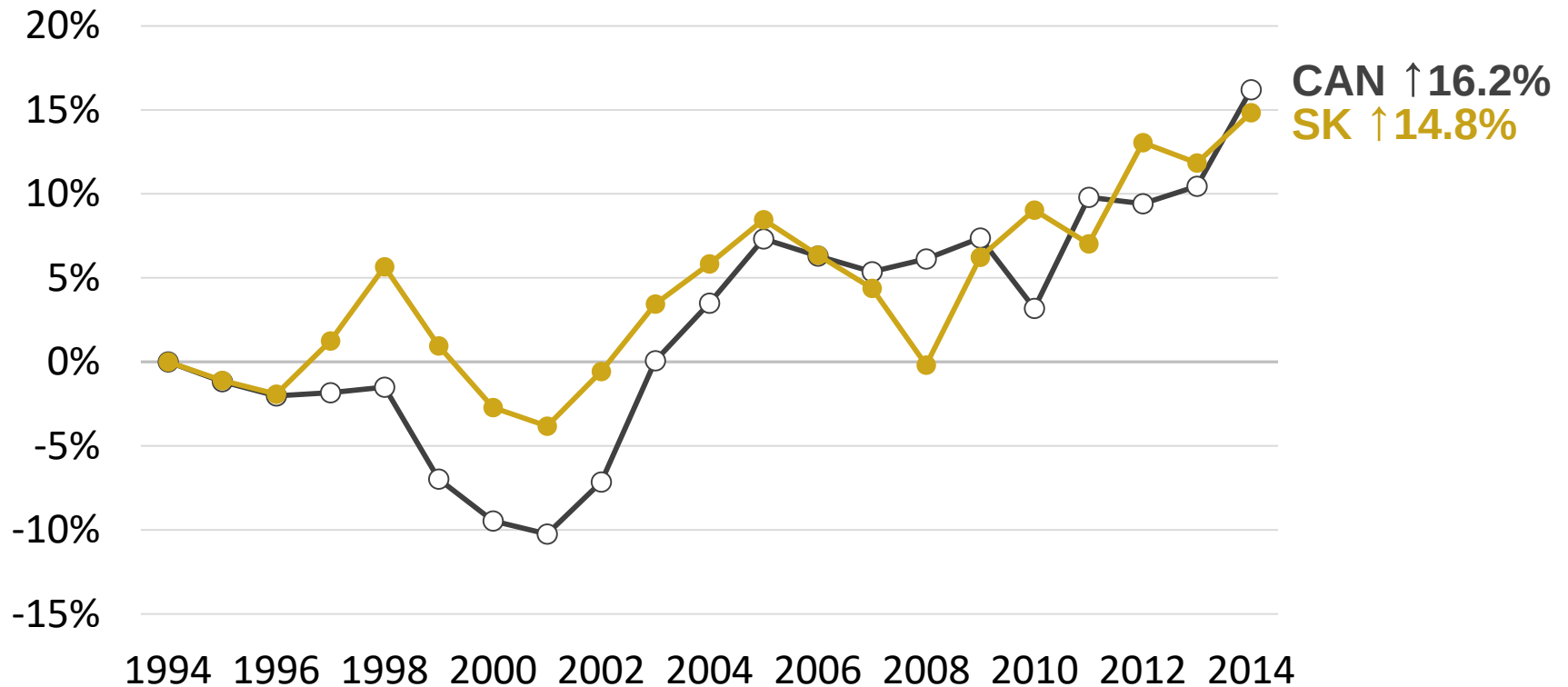
Trends in Education has made the greatest progress overall in Saskatchewan from 1994 to 2014



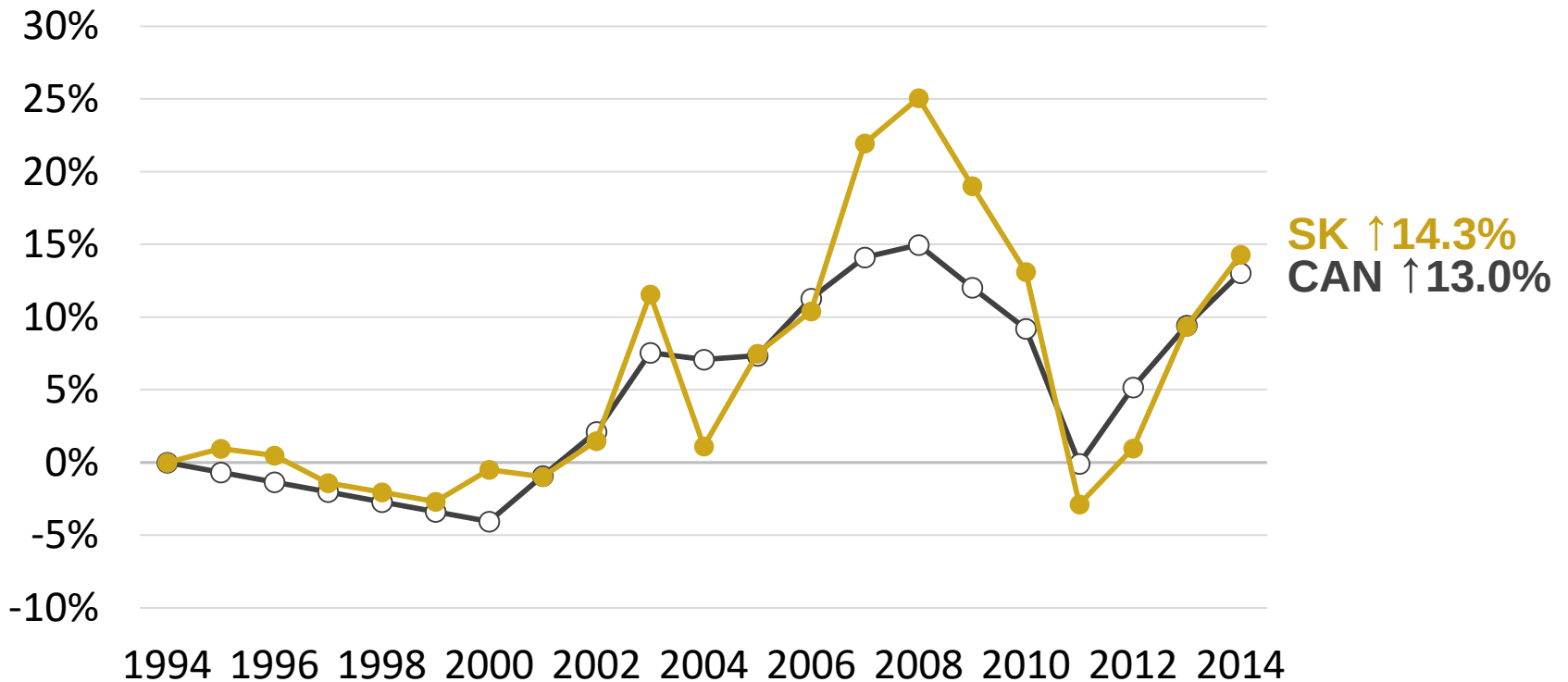
Living Standards were the second greatest area of growth in wellbeing in Saskatchewan between 1994 and 2014 with progress almost three times better than Canada overall.



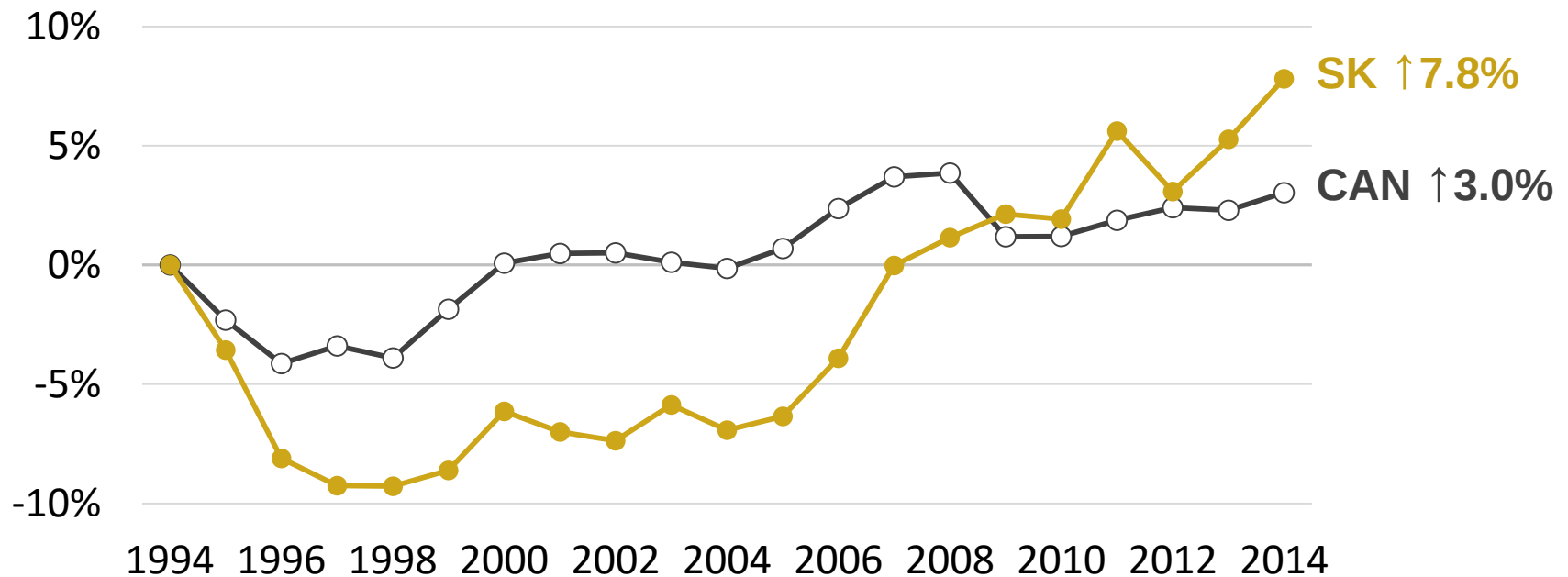
Saskatchewan's **Healthy Populations** domain has seen significant improvement since 2001.



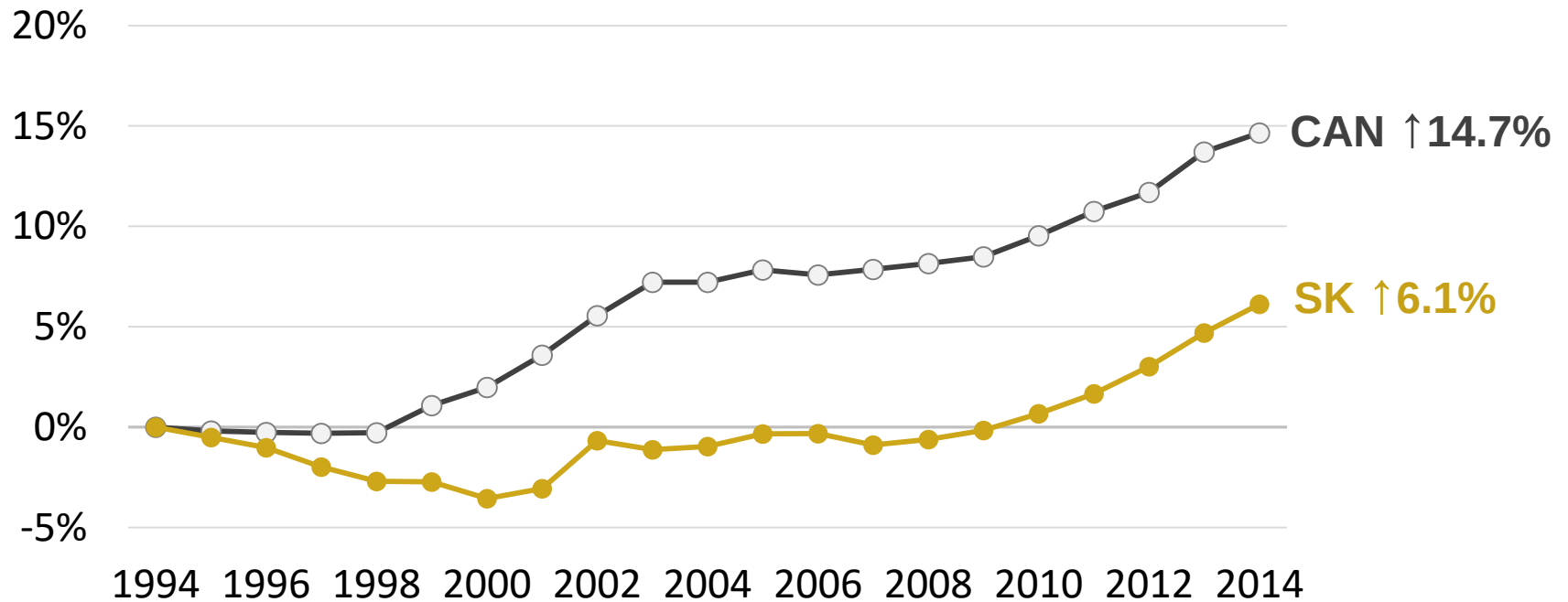
Saskatchewan's **Democratic Engagement** domain has seen significant fluctuations similar to Canada between 1994 and 2014.



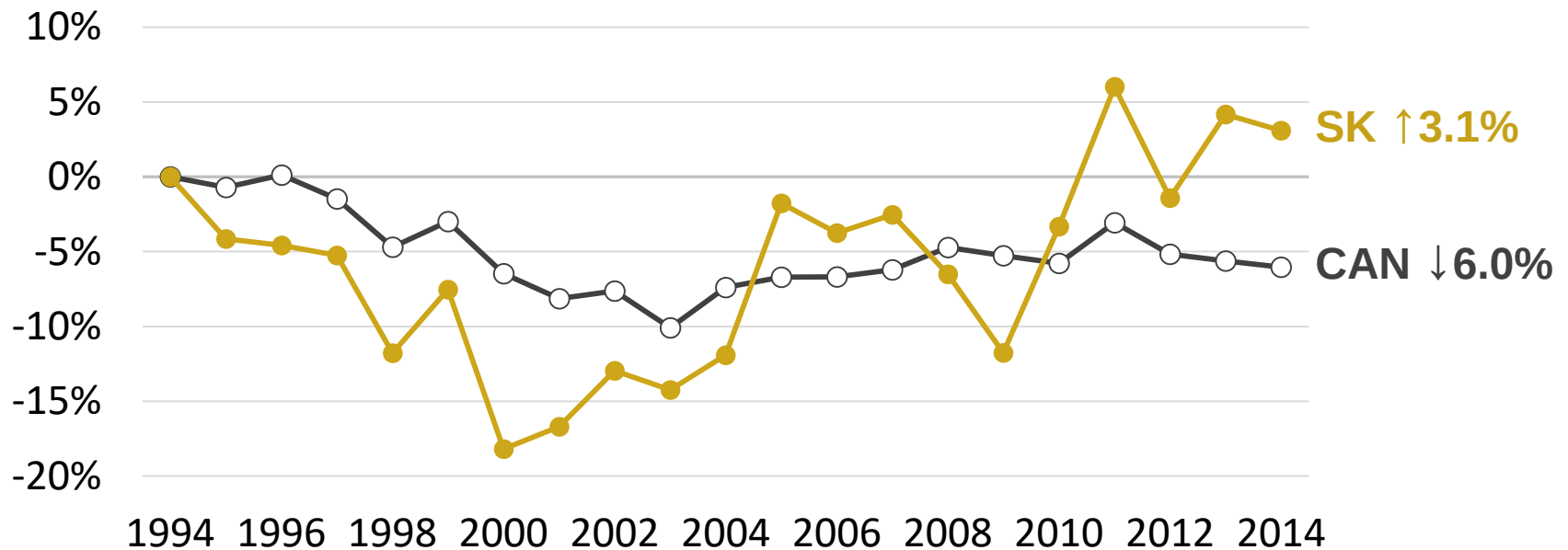
From 1994 to 2004 Saskatchewanians were feeling the **time** crunch to a greater extent than others across Canada but are now seeing a slight improvement overall.



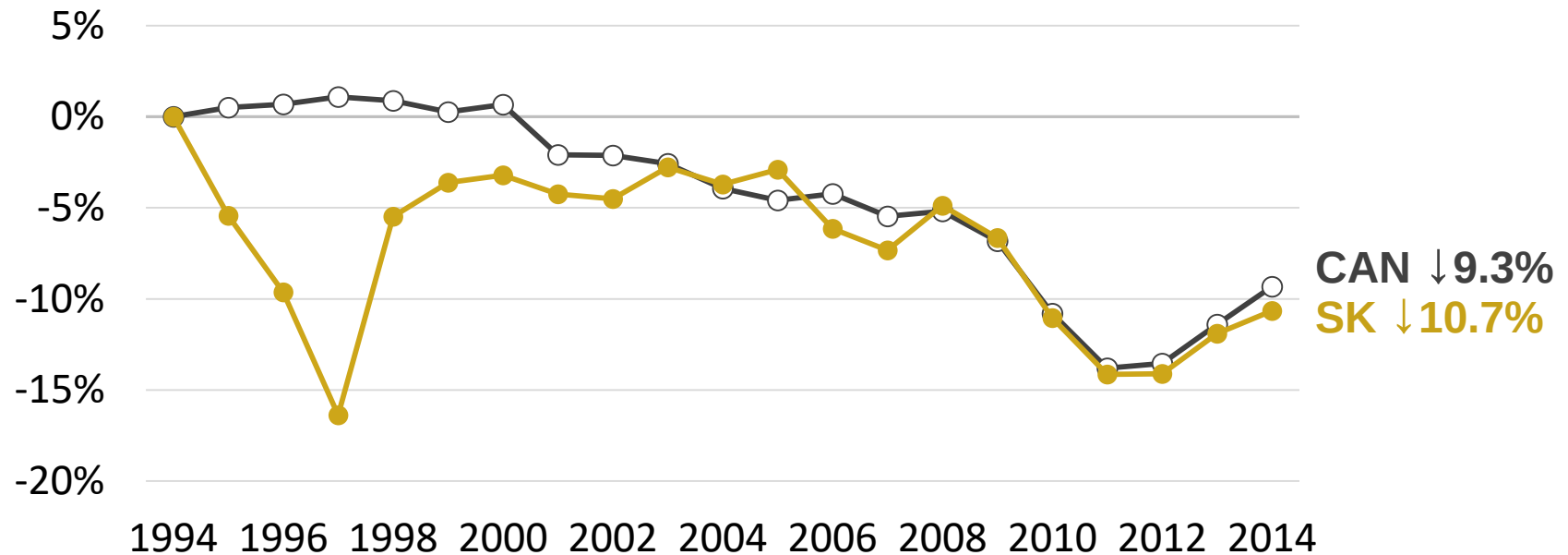
Saskatchewan lags behind Canada in the **Community Vitality** domain from 1994 to 2014.



Canada saw a steady decline from 1994 to 2014 in the **Environment** domain, Saskatchewan has seen a slight increase over the same time period.



Of all the domains, **Leisure and Culture** has seen the most dramatic decline since 1994 for both Canada and Saskatchewan.



**Do these findings reflect the
experience in your community?**

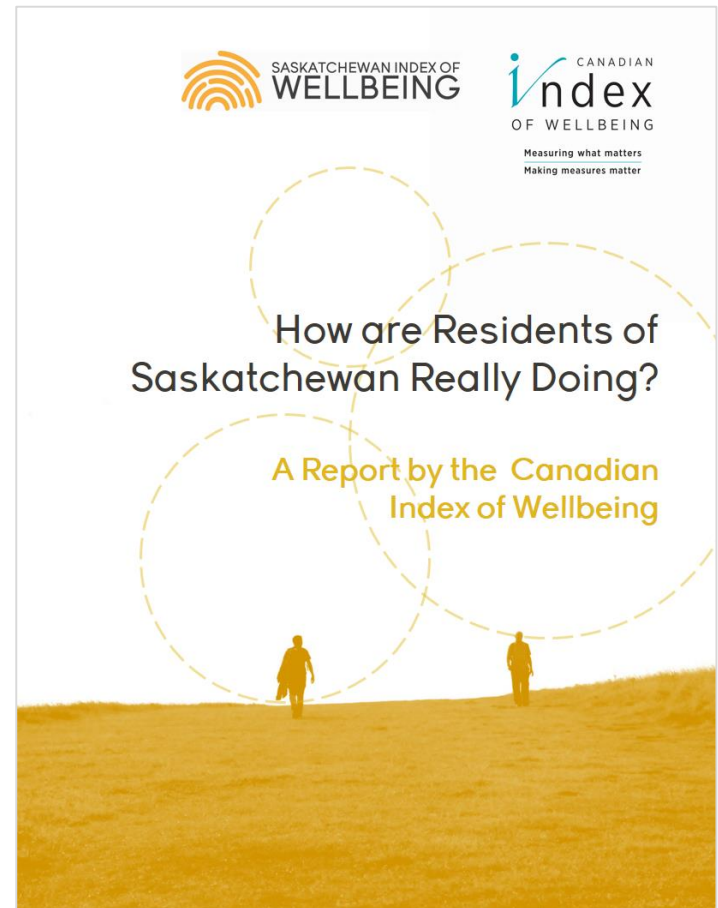
What domains does your work align with? How can the index support your work?

**What stands out? What
connections do you see?**

**What are the top 3 priorities
that we need to work on in
Saskatchewan?**

How societies support the improvement of wellbeing is becoming a more common conversation, a greater focus of study, and a higher priority for governments. What does this progress look like for Saskatchewan?

**The story is
explored further
in the full report,
available at
saskwellbeing.ca**





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