

Discussion Topic 3 – Where should Ontario test a basic income?

Question 1

On what basis should the size of community be selected? Total program cost? Necessary size for valid research/experimentation/extrapolation?



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Question 2

Should a test community contain a certain number of individuals already receiving transfers from government? Would your answer change if the pilot assumes that some of these programs will be temporarily replaced by the BIG during the pilot period?



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Question 3

Is there an ideal mix of rural, urban, suburban and remote population required to validate the scalability of any pilot?



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Question 4

Should selected communities be assessed on their social or economic representativeness? Either of Canada as a whole or of Ontario?



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Question 5

Are there community selection criteria that would allow government or researchers to more adequately control for external influences on the pilot findings? I.e: proximity to other centres or to large centres? Historical migration levels?



These questions, and the answers, will be posted on the BIG2016 website for the next 30 days. So you will have further opportunity to explore and comment on them.

