

Types of HIA

Desktop

Considers 3 or fewer impacts

Provides a broad overview of potential impacts

Is an “off the shelf” exercise based on collecting and analyzing existing, easily established data

2-6 weeks

Rapid

No more than 3 impacts, assessed in detail

Provides a detailed overview of potential health impacts

Involves collecting and analyzing existing data with limited input from experts and stakeholders

6-12 weeks

Intermediate

3-10 impacts assessed in detail

Provides a thorough assessment of potential health impacts and more detail on predicted impacts

Involves collecting and analyzing existing and primary data as well as qualitative data from stakeholders

12 weeks – 6 months

Comprehensive

All potential impacts assessed in detail

Provides a comprehensive assessment of potential health impacts

Involves collecting and analyzing data from multiple sources (qualitative and quantitative)

6-12 months