

## **Edmonton, AB**

<http://www.edmonton.com/for-visitors.aspx>



Edmonton is the gateway to the majestic Canadian Rockies and is the second-most largest sustainable city in Canada. Edmonton has a vibrant arts and culture community you can explore all year long with festivals, galleries, live entertainment, orchestras, dance companies, and theatre. Edmonton is a cultural, governmental and educational centre. It hosts a year-round slate of festivals, reflected in the nickname "The Festival City." It is home to North America's largest mall, West Edmonton Mall. It is also home to Fort Edmonton Park, Canada's largest living history museum.

### ***Weather***

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Edmonton has a [humid continental climate](#) with relatively low precipitation. Winters are milder than one would expect at such high latitude.

#### *Average Yearly Precipitation*

Average Days with Rainfall (>0.2mm) per Year: 77.2

Average Days with Snowfall (>0.2cm) per Year: 54.5

#### *Seasonal Average Temperatures (°C)*

January: -11.7°

April: 5.5°

July: 17.5°

October: 5.6°



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### *Additional Information*

For further information about annual climate data for Edmonton, please visit The [Weather Network](#) or [Environment Canada](#) using the links below:

<http://www.theweathernetwork.com/>  
[http://www.weatheroffice.gc.ca/canada\\_e.html](http://www.weatheroffice.gc.ca/canada_e.html)

### **Real Estate & Rental**

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#### *Renting*

There are lots of rental suites available in Edmonton and rates are reasonable. A two-bedroom apartment in the middle of town can be rented for as little as \$995 per month. You can browse apartments for rent here:

<http://www.rentedmonton.com/Default.aspx>

#### *Buying*

The average price for a single family dwelling in Edmonton is currently \$399,832 (February 2013). An average condo is priced at \$216,139, while a duplex/row house is priced at \$328,351 on average. You can browse Edmonton real estate here:

<http://propertyguys.com/ab/edmonton>

### **Transportation**

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The Edmonton Transit System (ETS) serves Edmonton with light rail transit and a fleet of buses. Visit the ETS website here:

<http://www.edmonton.ca/transportation/edmonton-transit-system-ets.aspx>

Lots of highways provide vehicular access to the city, the largest of which are Highway 2 and Highway 16. There are also many railways. VIA Rail's biggest line "The Canadian," stops in Edmonton three days a week in both directions on its way between Vancouver and Toronto.



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The Edmonton International Airport serves flights to and from destinations across Canada and the U.S. Visit the airport's website here:

<http://www.flyeia.com/>

## ***Industry***

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Edmonton has one of the most diverse economies in Canada. The oil and gas industry is very prominent, hence the "Edmonton Oilers." Technology, petrochemical, financial, and retail jobs are also common in Edmonton. Many successful retail branches started in Edmonton, including: The Brick, Boston Pizza, Planet Organic, and Running Room.

## ***Health Services***

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As a regional hub, Edmonton offers complete access to healthcare services. Information on health services in Edmonton can be found here:

<http://www.albertahealthservices.ca/>

## ***Education***

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There are three main school boards in Edmonton; one for public schools, one for catholic schools, and one for French immersion schools. Visit their websites here:

<http://www.epsb.ca/> (Public Schools)

<http://www.ecsd.net/> (Catholic Schools)

<http://www.centrenord.ab.ca/> (French Schools)

There are lots of post-secondary institutions in Edmonton, both universities and colleges. For a complete list of post-secondary schools in Edmonton, click on the following link:

[http://www.edmonton.ca/for\\_residents/post\\_secondary\\_student\\_resources/post-secondary-schools.aspx](http://www.edmonton.ca/for_residents/post_secondary_student_resources/post-secondary-schools.aspx)

## ***Recreation***

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Edmonton has all the amenities of a big city, because it is a big city! There are lots of recreation and fitness centres and leagues for all team sports. There plenty of libraries, museums, galleries, theatres, and shops. Ski hills surround the city as well as many wilderness adventure opportunities. All forms of entertainment are available in Edmonton. Rexall Place, home to the Edmonton Oilers, provides a venue for concerts conventions year round!

## **Taxes**

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Income taxes and other deductions are taken from your pay cheques by your employer. These income taxes are used by the government to provide essential services such as roads, schools, and health care.

Canadian residents can benefit in many ways from programs that have been paid for through their income taxes and deductions. These programs include social assistance for people in need, employment insurance for workers who have lost their jobs and worker's compensation for workers injured on the job.

For information on Alberta's taxation regime, visit:

[http://www.finance.alberta.ca/calc-script/tax\\_calc.html](http://www.finance.alberta.ca/calc-script/tax_calc.html)



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