

Canadian Life

Some Interesting Facts about your New Home.

At 9,984,670 square kilometres (3,855,103 square miles), Canada is the second largest country in the world. From east to west, it stretches from the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific Ocean; north to south it extends from the United States to the Arctic Ocean. Did you know that it would take seven days to drive from Halifax on the east coast to Vancouver on the west?

Some other interesting facts:

Physical Geography

Canada is made up of ten provinces and three territories within five geographic regions.

The Atlantic Region: Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland and Labrador

Central Canada: Ontario and Quebec

The Prairies: Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta

The West Coast: British Columbia

The North: The Yukon and Northwest Territories and Nunavut

Ontario and Quebec have the most people, the northern territories the fewest. Review **Citizenship and Immigration Canada's Map of Canada** for more information.

The People

Although the second largest country in the world, Canada is one of the least populated. According to statistics Canada, the population in 2006 was around 32,623,500 people - an average of 3.5 inhabitants per square kilometre. 80% of Canada's population lives within 250 kilometres of the US Border.

The Cities

Canada's three largest cities are Toronto, Ontario (5.3 million people); Montreal, Quebec (3.6 million); and Vancouver, British Columbia (2.2 million). More detailed information can be found on **Statistics Canada community profiles**.

The Language

Canada has two official languages: English and French. You must speak at least one of these languages to become a Canadian Citizen. Around 6.6 million Canadians speak French as their first language, with most of them living in Quebec.

The Culture

Part of what makes Canada unique is the Canadian Multiculturalism Act, which recognises and values cultural diversity. Canada features a great range of ethnic and cultural communities.

The Climate

Being such a large country, Canada has a wide range of climates and temperatures. For instance, Toronto can range from a daily high of -1.3c in January to a daily high of 26.5 in July. Further information can be found using **The Weather Network's** statistics for cities across Canada.