

# Calgary, Alberta, Canada

Situated in the beautiful Rocky Mountain Foothills, Calgary rates as the world's cleanest city and boasts a surrounding playground of mountains and rivers that attract and retain some of the adventurous and energetic individuals that make up Calgary's workforce.



## GEOGRAPHICAL SIZE:

746 square kilometres

## ELEVATION:

1,084.1 metres (3,556.8 feet) above sea level

## CLIMATE:

- :: Over 2,300 hours of sunshine annually
- :: Sunniest days year-round of major Canadian cities
- :: Summer temperature (June – August)
  - :: Average high: 21.9 C (71.4 F)
  - :: Average low: 8.43 C (47.2 F)
- :: Winter temperature (December – February)
  - :: Average high: -1.4 C (29.5 F)
  - :: Average low: -13.5 C (7.7 F)
- :: Warm, dry Chinook winds routinely blow in from the Pacific Ocean during the winter, giving Calgarians a break from the cold. These winds often raise the temperature by up to 15 °C (27 °F) in just a few hours, and may last several days.

## POPULATION:

- :: City of Calgary (April 2007): 1,020,000
- :: Youngest population in Canada, with a median age of 35

## EDUCATION:

- :: Calgary has the largest public school system in Western Canada
- :: Post-secondary institutions include four universities, 14 colleges, two technical institutes and one Centre for Continuing Education

## AIR ACCESS:

- :: Fourth busiest airport in Canada with 12.2 Million passengers in 2007
- :: Direct flights to London, Toronto, Montreal, Vancouver

## HOUSING:

- :: On average, Calgary offers more affordable housing than Vancouver, Toronto and Montreal
- :: Median House Price, Single Family, \$406,788 (December 2007)

## WAGES:

- :: Highest average wages of any major Canadian city
- :: Average hourly pay rate: \$24.83 (Alberta Wage and Salary Survey)
- :: Average annual salary: \$58,390 (Conference Board of Canada)

## LIFESTYLE:

### A focus on family and a sense of community

- :: Calgary received two Safe Community designations (World Health Authority, Safe Communities Foundation)
- :: Calgary schools are consistently top performers in Alberta
- :: Volunteer capital of Canada at 71 per cent (more than twice the national volunteer rate)

### Active and healthy

- :: A one hour drive to spectacular Banff and the Rocky Mountains
- :: The most extensive urban pathway and bikeway system in North America
- :: World-class attractions and sporting amenities including the Calgary Stampede, Calgary Zoo, Canada Olympic Park
- :: Abundant green space and parks (3,000 sites)
- :: A community rich in the arts, culture, entertainment, and leisure activities and venues



## INTERESTED IN WORKING IN CALGARY? TRY THESE ONLINE RESOURCES:

### :: Job boards:

- :: [www.working.canada.com/calgary](http://www.working.canada.com/calgary)
- :: [www.calgaryjobs.com](http://www.calgaryjobs.com)
- :: [www.workopolis.com](http://www.workopolis.com) (search Calgary)
- :: [www.monster.ca](http://www.monster.ca) (search Calgary)

### :: Wage and salary information:

- :: [www.alis.gov.ab.ca](http://www.alis.gov.ab.ca) (wage and salary information)

### :: Immigration and settlement information:

- :: [www.albertacanada.com/immigration](http://www.albertacanada.com/immigration)
- :: [www.calgaryeconomicdevelopment.com](http://www.calgaryeconomicdevelopment.com)  
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## CALGARY INDUSTRIES AND HIGH-GROWTH JOBS:

### :: Construction

- :: Carpenters
- :: Electricians
- :: Trades helpers and labourers

### :: Energy

- :: Petroleum engineers
- :: Geologists, geochemists and geophysicists
- :: Geological and mineral technologists and technicians

### :: Education

- :: Elementary school and kindergarten teachers
- :: Secondary school teachers
- :: College and other vocational instructors

### :: Financial Services:

- :: Real estate agents and salespersons
- :: Banking, credit and other investment managers
- :: Insurance, real estate and financial brokerage managers

### :: Healthcare

- :: Registered nurses
- :: Early childhood educators and assistants
- :: Nurse aides, orderlies and patient service associates

### :: Information and Communication Technology

- :: Information Systems Analysts and Consultants
- :: Financial Auditors and Accountants
- :: Computer programmers and interactive media developers

### :: Manufacturing

- :: Electronics assemblers, fabricators, inspectors and testers
- :: Furniture and fixture assemblers and inspectors
- :: Labourers in food, beverage and tobacco processing

### :: Professional Services

- :: Financial Auditors and Accountants
- :: Information Systems Analysts and Consultants
- :: Lawyers

### :: Transportation and Logistics

- :: Truck drivers
- :: Sales representatives, wholesale trade
- :: Material handlers

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