

#Welcome Afghans



Welcome Home – Red Deer, Alberta



Population: 100,844 people ([2021 census](#))

(includes many South and West Asians, Arabs and Afghans)

About the area

[Red Deer](#)

- is located in central Alberta, between Edmonton and Calgary
- is known as one of Canada's most [entrepreneurial cities](#)
- is known for its [rich natural beauty](#)

[Alberta](#)¹ borders British Columbia, Saskatchewan, and Northwest Territories in Canada, and Montana in the United States of America.

Alberta has on average 312 sunny days and up to 18 hours of daylight in the summer. Winters are cold and snowy, with an average daily low temperature of -10°C in January. Summers are warm with an average daily high of 23°C in July.

¹ All the links provided here are in English only.





Bright yellow canola fields in Red Deer County.

Indigenous land acknowledgement

[Indigenous peoples](#) have lived in Canada since before European settlers and explorers arrived. Red Deer, like much of Alberta, is situated on Treaty 7 land, the traditional territory of the Blackfoot, Tsuu T'ina and Stoney Nakoda Peoples, and the central Alberta region falls under Treaty 6, traditional Métis, Cree and Saulteaux territory.



Court House, Historic building, Red Deer, Alberta.

Living, working and going to school

Red Deer is a great place to work, do [business](#), study, and live a fulfilling life.

You can find jobs in Red Deer in industries such as

- health care
- retail trade
- construction
- oil and gas
- mining
- educational services
- manufacturing

The [official minimum wage in Alberta](#) is \$15 an hour.

Housing costs vary. The [average price to buy a single-family house](#) is approximately \$580,000. [Renting a 2-bedroom apartment](#) could cost approximately \$1,100 a month.

Learn more about renting and tenants' rights from [Government of Alberta](#).

There are many [schools](#), daycares, and [after-school programs](#). In Canada, students usually go to school from kindergarten (3 or 4) to grade 12 (17 or 18). After that, they can get a post-secondary education or start working.

Alberta has 12 public [universities](#), many [colleges](#) and [technical institutes](#) (polytechnics) with the following within 100 kilometres driving distance of Red Deer:

- [Burman University](#)
- [University of Alberta](#) (Red Deer satellite location)
- [Red Deer Polytechnic](#)
- [Olds College of Agriculture & Technology](#)

You can play [many sports](#), like

- [soccer \(football\)](#)
- [basketball](#)
- [volleyball](#)
- [swimming](#)
- [curling](#)
- [hockey](#)

Find out more about recreation organizations from the [YMCA](#) and the [City of Red Deer](#).

The area is known for its vibrant arts and culture scene including

- [live music, orchestral concerts](#) and [music festivals](#)
- [summer celebrations](#)
- [rodeos](#)
- [theatrical productions](#)
- [other events](#)
- [museums](#), such as the [Alberta Sports Hall of Fame](#)

You can enjoy [public parks](#) and outdoor spaces in the [summer](#), and fun activities like skiing, sledding and skating in the [winter](#).

Religious and cultural associations

Under the [Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms](#), you can practise the religion of your choice in Canada. Your service provider organization can help connect you to local ethno-cultural and multicultural associations in Red Deer.

Specialty foods

Several grocery stores in the area sell international goods. Most major supermarkets and many Middle Eastern grocery stores also sell halal meat. Your service provider organization can help you find the store closest to you.

Useful information for newcomers

More resources to help you settle in the area

- [Welcome to Canada: Publications for newcomers](#)
- [Find free newcomer services near you](#)
- [Immigrating and Settling in Canada](#)
- [City of Red Deer](#)
- [Red Deer maps and guides](#)
- [Care for Newcomers](#)
- [Red Deer Welcoming and Inclusive Communities](#)
- [Afghan Association of Red Deer](#)
- [Red Deer Cultural Heritage Society](#)
- [Alberta careers, learning, and employment information](#)
- [We are Red Deer](#)
- [Travel Alberta: Red Deer](#)