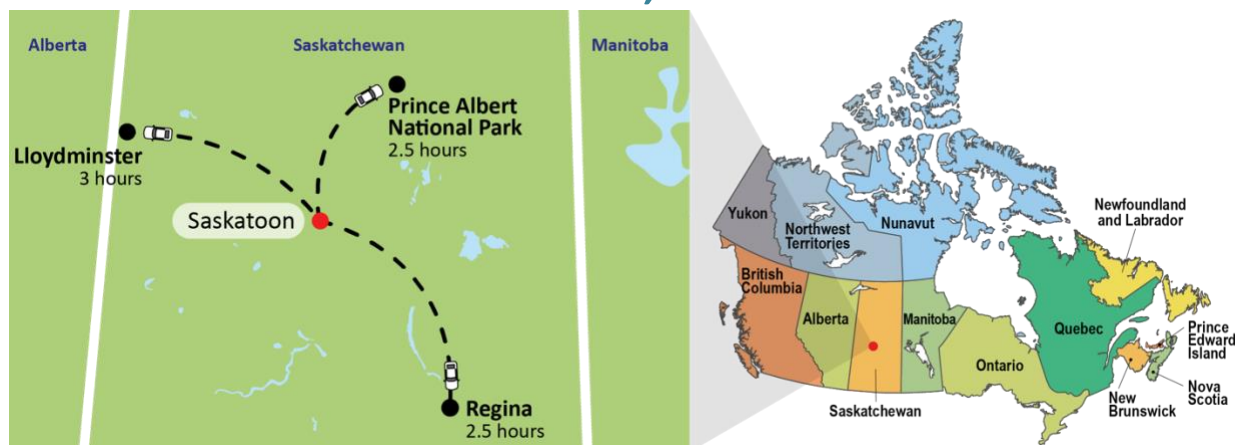


#Welcome Afghans



Welcome Home – Saskatoon, Saskatchewan



Population: 317,480 people (2021 census)

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

About the area

[Saskatchewan](#)¹ borders the provinces of Manitoba and Alberta, and the Northwest Territories, and Montana and North Dakota in the United States of America.

[Saskatoon](#)

- is located in the central part of the province of Saskatchewan
- has an international airport
- is the largest city in the province and straddles the South Saskatchewan River
- has beautiful walking trails in the Meesawin River Valley
- has been welcoming newcomers and growing over the years

Saskatoon enjoys four seasons with very cold, sunny [winters](#) and hot summers. The daily low temperature in January can reach -33°C and the daily high in July can reach 26°C.

¹ All the links provided here are in English only.





A warm summer sunset over the city of Saskatoon where the calm waters of the South Saskatchewan River flows under the University Bridge.

Indigenous land acknowledgement

[Indigenous peoples](#) have lived in Canada since before European settlers and explorers arrived. Saskatoon is located on [Treaty 6 Territory \(Cree, Dakota, Nakota, Saulteaux\)](#) and the [Métis Homeland](#).



An aerial view of Saskatoon in the winter.

Living, working and going to school

Saskatchewan is considered a desirable place to live because of the low cost of living and the many employment opportunities. Saskatoon has over 60 different neighbourhoods, some very new and others more historic.

You can find jobs in Saskatoon in [industries](#) such as

- health care
- agriculture
- manufacturing
- trades
- construction
- education
- business

Saskatoon's [cost of living](#) is one of the lowest among major cities in Canada, which means you pay less for essentials such as housing, food and utilities. As of October 1, 2022, the [official minimum wage of Saskatchewan](#) is \$13 an hour.

Housing costs in Saskatoon vary. The [average price to buy a single-family house](#) is approximately \$530,000. [Renting a 2-bedroom apartment](#) could cost approximately \$1,200 a month.

Learn more about renting and tenants' rights from the [Government of Saskatchewan](#) and [Saskatchewan Residential and Leasing](#).

There are many [school](#), daycares and after-school programs in [multiple languages](#). In Canada, students usually go to school from kindergarten (age 3 or 4) to grade 12 (age 17 or 18). After that, they can go to college or university or start working.

Saskatchewan has many [universities and colleges](#) with the following have campuses in Saskatoon

- [University of Saskatchewan](#)
 - [St. Thomas More College](#)
- [First Nations University of Canada](#)
- [Saskatchewan Polytechnic](#)
- [Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies](#)
- [Horizon College and Seminary](#)
- [Lutheran Theological Seminary Saskatoon](#)
- [St. Andrews's College](#)
- [Gabriel Dumont Institute](#)
- [Collège Mathieu](#)

You can play many sports, like

- [cricket](#)
- [soccer \(football\)](#)
- [swimming](#)
- [skiing](#)
- [hockey](#)
- [Canadian football](#)
- [baseball](#)
- [curling](#)
- [dodgeball](#)

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

You can enjoy many indoor and outdoor [recreational activities](#) provided by [community associations](#) in your neighborhood, including

- [museums](#)
- [festivals and events](#), including [Saskatoon Folkfest](#), [Nutrien Winter Shines](#), and [The SaskTel Saskatchewan Jazz Festival](#)
- [live music](#)
- [theatre and dance](#)
- [pow wows](#)

There are many attractive [walking trails](#) along the river valley, [beaches](#), and [lakes](#) to enjoy in the summer. Two [national parks](#) offer [cross-country skiing](#), [camping](#), [hiking](#), [stargazing](#), and much more, within driving distance, to enjoy in different seasons.

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 Saskatoon.

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](#)
- [Saskatchewan Intercultural Association](#)
- [Saskatchewan Indigenous Cultural Centre](#)
- [Handbook for Newcomers on Indigenous Treaties and Reconciliation](#)
- [New to Saskatoon](#)
- [Assemblée communautaire francosaskoïse \(A.C.F.\) Inc.](#)
- [International Women of Saskatoon](#)