Welcome Home – Windsor, Ontario

Population: 422,630 people (2021 census)
(includes many South and West Asians, Arabs and Afghans)

About the area

The Windsor-Essex region[1]

- is made up of the City of Windsor, seven municipalities, and Pelee Island
- is located in the province of Ontario
- makes up a large part of Canada's auto industry
- is a key commercial transportation hub for the United States of America

Windsor

- is the southernmost city in Canada
- connects to Detroit and Dearborn cities (with a significant population of Muslims and people from the Middle East) in Michigan, USA, via the Ambassador Bridge and the Detroit-Windsor Tunnel

Due to its location, the climate in Windsor is warmer than all other cities in Ontario. Winters are mild with an average daily low temperature of 0°C in January, and Windsor has less snow than the rest of the province. Summers are hot and humid with an average daily high of 28°C in July.

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[1] All the links provided here are in English only.

The Windsor skyline and waterfront at sunset.

Indigenous land acknowledgement

Indigenous peoples have lived in Canada since before European settlers and explorers arrived. Windsor is the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe People of the Three Fires Council of First Nations, which includes the Ojibwe, the Odawa and the Potawatomi Peoples.

Three children go on a bicycle ride along Windsor's riverfront trail during the spring.

Living, working and going to school

Windsor is a great place to work, do business, study, and live a fulfilling life.

You can find jobs in Windsor in [industries](#) like

- manufacturing
- government services
- tourism
- education

As of January 2023, the [official minimum wage in Ontario](#) is $15.50 an hour.

Housing costs in Windsor vary. The [average price to buy a single-family house](#) is approximately $895,000. [Renting a 2-bedroom apartment](#) could cost approximately $1,200 a month.

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

There are many [school](#), daycares and after-school programs. 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.

Ontario has 23 [universities](#), with the following 100 kilometres driving distance of Windsor
- [University of Windsor](#)
- [University of Ottawa, Faculty of Education, Windsor Campus](#)

There are also [many colleges](#) where you can study in Ontario. The following are within 100 kilometres driving distance of Windsor
- [Collège Boréal](#)
- [St. Clair College of Applied Arts and Technology](#)
- [Lambton College](#)

You can play many sports, like

- [soccer (football)](#)
- [basketball](#)
- [swimming](#)
- [track and field](#)
- [squash](#)
- [ice hockey](#)

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

The Windsor-Essex region offers many hiking and biking trails, and parks to explore. You can go cycling, horseback riding and canoeing, visit a [beach](#), or rent a cottage.

The region's urban districts host a range of cultural activities including

- [arts](#)
- concerts
- [festivals](#)
- other [events](#)

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 Windsor.

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
- Video: Afghans Welcome (English and Farsi)
- Windsor Essex Local Immigration Partnership
- Windsor Women Working with Immigrant Women
- My New Community services map
- City of Windsor