

#Welcome Afghans



Welcome Home – Winnipeg, Manitoba



Population: 834,678 people (2021 census)

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

About the area

The [City of Winnipeg](#) is the capital of the province of Manitoba. Winnipeg offers a wide range of programs and services for its residents with the goal of creating a welcoming, safe, and healthy community for everyone.

[Manitoba](#)¹

- borders Saskatchewan, Ontario, and Nunavut in Canada, and North Dakota and Minnesota in the United States of America
- has a sizeable [French](#)-speaking population, and the main language of the province is English

Winnipeg has mild springs, hot summers, colourful falls, and bright winters. [Winters](#) are cold and snowy with an average daily low temperature of -19°C in January. Summers are warm with an average daily high of 27°C in July.

¹ All the links provided here are in English only.





Aerial view of “the forks”, downtown Winnipeg and the point where the Red River and Assiniboine River meet.

Indigenous land acknowledgement

[Indigenous peoples](#) have lived in Canada since before European settlers and explorers arrived. Winnipeg is located in [Treaty One Territory](#), the home and traditional lands of the Anishinaabe (Ojibwe), Ininew (Cree) and Dakota Peoples, and in the Homeland of the Red River Métis.



People skating and playing hockey on the frozen river in winter.

Living, working and going to school

Winnipeg is a great place to develop careers, do business, study, and live a fulfilling life.

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

- aerospace
- advanced manufacturing
- agribusiness
- information and communication technology
- health
- education

As of April 1, 2023, the [official minimum wage in Manitoba](#) is \$14.15 an hour.

[Housing](#) costs vary. The [average price to buy a single-family house](#) is approximately \$595,000. [Renting a 2-bedroom apartment](#) could cost approximately \$1,350 a month.

Learn more about renting and tenant rights from the [Government of Manitoba](#).

There are many [schools](#), daycares, and after-school programs in both English and [French](#). 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.

Manitoba has eight public [postsecondary institutions](#), seven of which have campuses in Winnipeg

- [Brandon University](#)
- [University of Manitoba](#)
- [Université de Saint-Boniface](#)
- [University of Winnipeg](#)

There are also many colleges where you can study in Manitoba, including Winnipeg

- [Assiniboine Community College](#)
- [Manitoba Institute of Trades and Technology](#)
- [Red River College Polytechnic](#)

You can play many sports, like

- [hockey](#)
- [cricket](#)
- [Canadian football](#)
- [basketball](#)
- [soccer \(football\)](#)
- [swimming](#)

Find out more about recreation in Winnipeg's 63 community centres from the [City of Winnipeg](#) and activities available from the [YMCA-YWCA of Winnipeg](#).

The area is known for its vibrant [arts and culture](#) scene including

- [concerts](#)
- [events](#)
- [festivals](#)
- [museums](#)
- [theatre](#)
- [ballet](#)
- [pow wows](#)

You can enjoy [public parks](#), sandy [beaches](#), 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 with local ethno-cultural and multicultural associations in Manitoba.

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](#)
- [Newcomer supports and services in Winnipeg](#)
- [City of Winnipeg](#)
- [Ethno-cultural organizations in Manitoba](#)
- [Indigenous Orientation Toolkit for Newcomers to Canada](#)