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Deciding where you want to live before you arrive

Deciding where to live in Canada is one of the most important decisions you will make. If you have family or friends living in Canada, you may already have decided to move near them.

Keep an open mind to all possibilities

Canada is a large place, and each province and territory has something unique to offer. You may know about big cities such as Vancouver, Toronto and Montréal; however, Canada's smaller cities and towns are welcoming many new people. They are drawn to the smaller cities and towns because of the quality of life and good job opportunities. Some other benefits are

- o family-friendly communities
- o affordable housing
- o a quieter and more relaxed environment
- less traffic
- shorter commute times

To help you decide

- o get to know Canada and its 10 provinces and 3 territories
- learn what to consider when choosing a city
- o learn about living in a Francophone community outside Quebec

There are a few other things to consider when choosing where you want to live in Canada.

The cost of living in Canada

Canada is a very big country. Because of this, the cost of living can be quite different depending on where you choose to live.

Big cities like Toronto and Vancouver are the most expensive places to live, especially when it comes to housing. According to a <u>report by the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation</u>, in 2021

- the average monthly rent in Vancouver and the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) for a 2-bedroom apartment was
 - \$1,824 in Vancouver
 - \$1,666 in the GTA
- the average monthly rent for a 2-bedroom apartment across all of Canada was \$1,167



Learn more about

- o the cost of living, common expenses and taxes
- o finding a place to live in Canada

Get help in different provinces and territories

Learn more about how to get different kinds of help in

- o Alberta
- o British Columbia
- o <u>Manitoba</u>
- o New Brunswick
- o Newfoundland and Labrador
- o Nova Scotia
- o Ontario
- o Prince Edward Island
- o Quebec
- o <u>Saskatchewan</u>
- o Yukon

