

A Great Place To Live

This profile contains an overview on exploring Mississauga, city services, Mississauga City Centre, education, health care, housing, public safety and police and fire protection.

What factors go into building a successful community? Business-friendly local government, competitive tax and utility rates, an extensive telecommunications infrastructure, exceptional City services, quality housing options, natural local settings, great community amenities, and excellent transportation links including Canada's largest international airport - that's why Mississauga is the location of choice for growing companies and their families.

Overview

- The City of Mississauga is Canada's 6th largest city and one of its most successful communities.
- Mississauga is a great place to live with strong communities, a wide selection of excellent housing, shopping and great schools.
- There is an active cultural life with galleries, theatres, art centres, concert halls and museums.
- The beautiful Credit River valley provides scenic recreational parkland and its clean waters are excellent for fishing. Two marinas along the shores of Lake Ontario provide outdoor leisure opportunities.
- The City of Mississauga won the 2006 World Leadership Award for its Healthy City Stewardship Centre initiative aimed at bettering the health of Mississauga residents. In collaboration with the University of Toronto, 14 key organizations came together to work toward improvements in local health and developed the Healthy Mississauga 2010 Plan. The plan will help the City of Mississauga measure health and quality of life improvements over time and act as a model for success. For further information, visit www.mississauga.ca/stewardshipcentre
- The City of Mississauga took 2nd place for "Best Economic Potential in North America" in the "North American Cities of the Future 2007/2008" competition. Foreign Direct Investment (fDi) magazine, a Financial Times Business publication, analyzed the top 10 cities of all sizes, with the best strategies and resources for economic development. Mississauga, with a population between 500,000 and two million people, was ranked in the "Large Cities" category.

City Services

- There are more than 480 parks and 23 major trail systems. Mississauga is part of an extensive 280 mile waterfront trail that passes through lakefront parks and marinas. For further information, go to www.mississauga.ca/residents/recreationandparks/parks
- 11 Community Centres are located throughout the city, along with city run facilities such as arenas, swimming pools, fitness centres, golf courses, tennis courts, baseball diamonds, soccer pitches and much much more. For a complete list of city facilities, go to www.mississauga.ca/residents/recreationandparks/communitycentres
- The Mississauga Library System is one of the largest public library systems in Canada with over 300,000 users, 18 branch libraries and a multi-floor central library. For further information, visit www.mississauga.ca/library
- Mississauga Transit, the third largest municipal transit system in Ontario servicing approximately 28 million riders per year, with more than 3,000 bus stops within the 81 routes, connects with the Toronto Transit Commission, Brampton Transit, Oakville Transit and all GO Transit stations. For further information about Mississauga Transit, contact: Tel.: 905-615-4636, Fax: 905-615-3218, www.mississauga.ca/transit

Discover Mississauga

- Diversity and innate beauty make Mississauga a preferred destination. Take in a round of golf, or relax with a treatment at one of its many spas.

- Come to Mississauga as a couple, for a business meeting, or with your family and friends. Mississauga has superb accommodation options for every taste and budget.
- Explore its quaint historic villages, visit the bustling waterfront, or inspire yourself with Mississauga's world-class art and theatre at the Living Arts Centre. Visit the Rhododendron Gardens, watch the salmon migration, or shop at Square One - Ontario's largest retail shopping centre. Whether you choose an activity-packed weekend or a relaxing getaway, your stay will be memorable here.
- From unique architecture and museums to lakefront parks and vibrant diverse neighbourhoods, Mississauga offers a range of experiences that keeps visitors coming back again and again.
- *For Mississauga tourism information, visit: www.mississauga.ca/tourism*

Mississauga City Centre

- Mississauga's City Centre is located in the heart of Canada's sixth largest city, which has a mix of commercial and high density residential uses. There are approx. 8,000 existing high-rise residential condominium units with an additional 24,000 units currently under construction or committed to be built.
- The area includes attractive Class A office buildings that accommodate close to 480 corporate businesses, among them include major employers such as Baxter Corporation, Deloitte & Touche, E D S Canada, Edulinx Canada Corp., Morguard Investments, Pepsi QTG Canada, Personal Insurance Co. of Canada, Praxair Canada, PricewaterhouseCoopers, Quantum Managements Services, , Symcor Inc. and The Woodbridge Group.
- City Centre amenities include the Living Arts Centre, art galleries, a central library, the YMCA, entertainment venues, accommodation, spas, nightlife, central transit terminal, restaurants and international cuisine and Square One shopping centre.
- Mississauga's City Centre has over 3.7 million square feet of office space and prime real estate opportunities.

Education

- Educational opportunities and the quality of education are high priorities in Mississauga.
- There are 10 universities and 11 technical colleges within commuting distance of Mississauga.
- Mississauga is served by two school boards - the Peel Board of Education and the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board responsible for elementary and secondary schools within the Region.

Peel Board of Education

- The Peel Board of Education, one of Canada's largest school boards serves 226 schools with more than 145,000 full time elementary and secondary students. The Board offers full time French immersion, English as a second language, technical education programs, co-operative education, enhanced learning and special needs programs to mention a few. In addition, they run an extensive Adult and Continuing Education Program.
- *For more information, visit www.peel.edu.on.ca*

Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board

- The Dufferin-Peel District School Board is one of the largest and most diverse school districts in Ontario which operates 141 catholic schools with a student enrolment of close to 90,000 full time students at the elementary and secondary levels. In addition to the religion studies, as well as other programs specified by the Ministry of Education, the board offers an Adult and Continuing Education Program.
- *For more information, visit www.dpcdsb.org*

Centre for Education & Training

- In support of the Peel Board the centre offers customized education, career planning, skills upgrading, training and language services, computer training, career & employment assistance, and international programs. It is the largest on-site trainer in Ontario serving Greater Toronto, Canada and worldwide.
- For more information, visit www.tcet.com

Private Schools & Alternative Education

- Mississauga offers more than 30 private schools ranging from pre-school to Grade 12 and offering programs such as Advanced Learning, English as a Second Language (ESL), Montessori, technical and vocational skills, and religion.
- For a list of these private schools, call the City of Mississauga, Economic Development Office at 905-896-5016.

Sheridan College

- With a continuing education campus location in Mississauga, Sheridan Institute of Technology and Advanced Learning is nationally and internationally recognized for excellence in business, digital media & communications, performing arts, visual arts & design, applied computing & telecommunications, engineering & manufacturing sciences & community service studies. Their two main campus locations are situated just beyond Mississauga's boundaries.
- For more information, visit www.sheridaninstitute.ca

University of Toronto Mississauga (UTM)

- UTM is part of Canada's largest university, the University of Toronto, which is also one of the most highly respected research institutions in North America. The university offers one of the few Masters of Biotechnology in Canada and the new Masters of Management of Innovation this year. It will soon become home of the new Academy of Medicine which is being developed in partnership with our hospitals.
- For more information, visit: www.utm.utoronto.ca

Health Care

· **Canada's Health Care System**

Canada has a predominantly publicly financed health care system. The national health insurance program is achieved through health insurance plans administered by the Province of Ontario and linked through adherence to national principles set at the federal level.

- For more information, visit: www.hc-sc.gc.ca/english

- Mississauga residents have access to world renowned hospitals and health care facilities within the Greater Toronto Area providing a broad range of health services. In Mississauga alone, there are two well-renowned hospitals both offering comprehensive primary services and regional health programs.

· **Credit Valley Hospital**

The hospital, a regional centre for cancer treatment, provides a broad spectrum of clinical services involving ten programs: general medicine, surgery, renal, oncology, emergency, mental health, continuing care/rehabilitation, obstetrics and gynaecology, pediatrics and cardiac services and a network of support departments. The hospital has opened a regional cancer centre.

- For more information, visit: www.cvh.on.ca

· **Trillium Health Centre**

Trillium Health Centre provides primary, secondary and tertiary services to a community of approximately one million residents.

Operating across two sites - the Mississauga Site and the Queensway Site – Trillium, is a regional centre for stroke, neurosurgery and sexual assault, domestic violence, and a provincial centre for cardiac services.

- For more information, visit: www.trilliumhealthcentre.org

Housing

- Mississauga has an excellent selection of quality housing including townhouse, high-rise condominium, semi-detached, detached and executive homes to satisfy every income level. Mississauga's residential communities are set in a variety of environments from urban to waterfront to greenbelts.
- For more information, refer to the *Population & Demographics Profile* available online at www.mississauga.ca > Business > Profiles, Facts & Maps or, refer to the *Housing Matters* document available online at www.mississauga.ca > Residents > Planning & Building > Focus on Mississauga > Brochures & Newsletters > Housing

Public Safety

Police Protection

- Mississauga is protected by the Peel Regional Police. It is the 2nd largest municipal police service in Ontario and the 3rd largest in Canada. Peel Regional Police, which provides one police officer per 669 residents, is acknowledged as one of Canada's most progressive police services.
- For more information, visit: www.peelpolice.on.ca

Safe City Mississauga (SCM)

- Formerly known as The Mississauga Crime Prevention Association (MCPA) this community driven not-for-profit charitable association works with residents, businesses, schools and the Peel Regional Police to deliver pro-active crime prevention programs aimed at making Mississauga a crime free city.
- Since the year 2000, Mississauga had the lowest rate of crime occurrences in Canada per hundred thousand residents. For the 8th consecutive year, Mississauga has ranked as the safest large Canadian metropolitan city to work and reside in.
- For more information, visit: www.mcpc.on.ca

Fire Protection

- The City of Mississauga has a professional Fire Service with one firefighter per 1,100 residents, staffing 20 fire halls across the city.
- Emergencies are handled through the department's communication centre by dialing the emergency number 911.
- For more information, visit: www.mississauga.ca/fire