



## Toronto by the Numbers

### Population

- The population of the Greater Toronto Area is 5.1 million ranking it as the 5<sup>th</sup> largest metropolitan area in North America.
- 46% of Toronto's population are immigrants to Canada
- 128 languages and dialects can be heard on the streets of Toronto.
- Toronto's population is predicted to increase to 7.45 million by the year 2031.

### Transportation

- The Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) serviced 1.5 million daily passengers in 2008.
- A total of 467 million annual passengers travelled on the TTC in 2008.
- The TTC's subways, buses and streetcars cover 204,529 km (127, 088 miles) in one year.
- There are 1,498 wheelchair accessible buses in Toronto.

### Business

- There are 68 Business Improvement Areas (BIA) in Toronto.
- The Toronto region aerospace cluster is the second largest in Canada, generating more than \$6 billion annually in sales of aerospace goods.
- More than 100 medical/ biotech companies, represent about 40% of the Canadian industry, employ over 140,000 people and generate combined annual revenues in excess of \$4 billion.
- With over 25,000 designers, Toronto has the largest design workforce in Canada and the third largest in North America. Toronto is home to more than 550 apparel manufacturers with wholesale shipments totalling nearly \$1.4 billion annually or 16% of the \$9 billion Canadian market.
- \$949 million was spent on film and television productions shot in Toronto in 2004; including \$801.6 million on major productions; \$133.8 million on commercials; and \$13.65 million on music videos.

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- Toronto is North America's fastest expanding financial services sector - growing 41% between 1994 and 2004.
- Toronto is home to Canada's 5 largest banks, 50 foreign bank subsidiaries and branches, and 112 securities firms.

### **Geography**

- The GTA is 5,900 square km (2,278 square miles)
- 307 km (191 miles) of rivers run through Toronto.
- 8,000 hectares (19,768 acres) or 18.1 per cent of Toronto's area is parkland including ravines, valleys, woodlots, waterfront natural areas, parks and farmland.
- There are 3 million publicly owned trees in Toronto.

### **Politics**

- There are 44 elected city councillors.
- There are 22 Members of Parliament who represent Toronto at the House of Commons in Ottawa.
- Toronto ranks as the 5th largest municipal government in North America.
- The City of Toronto was officially created in 1834.
- There are 7,000 designated heritage properties in Toronto, from famous landmarks to private homes to entire neighbourhoods.
- There are 11 historical museums in Toronto.

### **Economy**

- Toronto Stock Exchange ranks the 3rd largest stock exchange in North America; 7th largest in the world.
- Toronto-based businesses export \$70 billion of goods and services worldwide each year.
- 60% of Toronto's workforce has a postsecondary education.

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## **Greater Toronto Area (GTA)**

- In addition to the City of Toronto, the GTA includes the Regional Municipalities of York, Halton, Peel and Durham.
- 25 municipalities make up the GTA, which are grouped into 4 regions
- The GTA is split between three area codes: 905, 416 and 647 (supplementing the 416 area code).

## **West Region, Mississauga**

- The population of Mississauga is 695,000, making it the 6th largest city in Canada.
- Ethnic groups that make up this metropolitan city include: East Indian, Scottish,
- Irish, Italian, Chinese, Black, and Portuguese
- Home to more than 18,000 businesses and a major employment centre within the GTA, Mississauga houses 50 of Canada's Fortune 500 offices providing residents with an opportunity to work close to home.
- For more information on Mississauga visit: [www.mississaugatourism.ca](http://www.mississaugatourism.ca)

## **North and East Region**

- The total estimated population of York Region is 950,600.
- Towns and cities in York Region include: Aurora, East Gwillimbury, Georgina, King, Markham, Newmarket, Richmondhill, Vaughn, and Whitchurch-Stouffville
- York Region's landscape includes farmlands, wetlands and kettle lakes, the Oak Ridges Moraine and over 2,070 hectares of regional forest.
- For more information on York Region visit: [www.york.ca](http://www.york.ca)

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