

## Canada Ultimate Masterclass

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# WHAT PROVINCE SHOULD I SETTLE IN CANADA?

Hard question, isn't it?

We'll give you an overview of all provinces, so that you compare them and decide where to start your new life in Canada.

Also, we'll give you tips on how to understand which province is the most suitable for you.

So, let's dig into your question in more details.

## How Many Provinces Are There In Canada?

Canada has ten provinces and three territories.

You probably wonder what's the difference between provinces and territories. It's simply the matter of power and organization: provinces have their own governments, while territories are ruled by the federal government.

For you it doesn't change anything – all provinces and territories are open to immigration.

**Let's have a look at all of them:**

### Ontario

Famous for: Niagara falls, Great Lakes, rapid economic growth.

Big cities: Toronto, Ottawa, Hamilton.

Top industries: manufacturing, biotech, automotive.

Ontario is by far the most popular province for new immigrants coming to Canada. Ontario received about half of all new permanent residents few years ago.

Ontario's most popular city is also the largest in Canada. Among the newcomers that indicated Ontario as their province of destination, a majority intended to settle in the city of Toronto. Toronto is one of the most metropolitan and multicultural cities in the world, with more than half of residents belonging to a visible minority group.

Ottawa is the second most popular city in Ontario and is also the capital of Canada. Ottawa is considered one of the safest cities in Canada. Canada's capital city also offers a high quality of life and low living costs.

There's no doubt that the winters in Ontario can get cold. In some parts of Ontario, the winter months can see temperatures below -40°C. It's all worth it once the summertime comes around, with hot months getting up to above 30°C.

Ontario boasts a strong economy, generating 37% of the national GDP, mainly through a combination of resources, manufacturing expertise, and exports. The province is also the home to nearly 50% of all employees in high-tech, financial services, and other knowledge-intensive industries.

## **British Columbia**

Famous for: high living standards, high average income, diverse local food.

Big cities: Vancouver, Surrey, Burnaby.

Top industries: engineering, agriculture, natural gas and mining, forestry.

Located on the west coast of Canada, British Columbia is known for its beautiful natural landscape. After Ontario, British Columbia was the most

popular province of destination for new immigrants about three years ago. British Columbia is often considered the best province in Canada for immigrants looking for outdoor adventures and milder temperatures.

British Columbia's most popular city is Vancouver. Located on the Pacific coast of Canada, Vancouver boasts stunning ocean and mountain views. Vancouver also has a thriving art scene and is a popular film location for major motion pictures.

The second most popular city in British Columbia is Victoria. Victoria is also the capital city of the province of British Columbia, located on the southern tip of Vancouver Island. Victoria's slow pace, charm, and unique geography make it the ideal city for any lowkey outdoor enthusiast.

British Columbia is a great province for those who prefer their winter on the moderate side. The coastal regions of British Columbia have some of the mildest winters in all of Canada, rarely dropping below freezing temperatures. The interior and central regions tend to have colder and snowier winters, but also have hotter summers than the coast of B.C.

B.C. offers a diverse economy, dominated largely by service industries. Other main industries in B.C. include agriculture, construction, film and television, forestry, fisheries & aquaculture, high technology, manufacturing, mining, and tourism.

## Alberta

Famous for: national parks (UNESCO world heritage sites), large oil and gas reserves.

Big cities: Calgary, Edmonton, Red Deer.

Top industries: construction, oil and gas, mining, finance, real estate, agriculture.

Finally, the fourth most popular province among immigrants was Alberta. Located in Western Canada, Alberta offers some of the most popular natural

attractions in the country. Alberta is known for its large deposits of oil and natural gas, cattle farming, Rocky Mountains, and Dinosaur Provincial Park. Calgary and Edmonton are Canada's fourth and fifth most popular cities among immigrants, respectively.

Calgary is Alberta's largest city by population. Located in the foothills of the stunning Rocky Mountains, Calgary is ideal for outdoor enthusiasts. Calgary is also host to the famous Calgary Stampede & Exhibition, one of the largest outdoor rodeos in the world.

Edmonton is the capital city of Alberta and the second most populated city in the province. There is never a shortage of activities in Edmonton, a city that hosts over 30 festivals annually. Edmonton also hosts Canada's largest planetarium and has previously held the title for the world's largest mall. Calgary and Edmonton are the top two sunniest cities in the country, with more hours of sunshine than any other Canadian city. The abundant sunshine helps Albertans get through the winters – parts of the province can get as cold as -51 °C. Once the summer months roll along, temperatures warm significantly, parts of the province experience temperatures as warm as 35°C.

Alberta's largest industry is the oil and gas sector, followed by industries such as agriculture, forestry, education, tourism, finance, and manufacturing. Alberta also offers lower taxes than the rest of Canada, making it the best province in Canada for immigrants looking to save money.

## Manitoba

Famous for: high living standards, high average income, diverse local food.

Big cities: Winnipeg, Brandon, Steinbach.

Top industries: manufacturing, transportation, biotechnology, IT, tourism.

## Saskatchewan

Famous for: diverse wildlife, gorgeous architecture, Athabasca Sand Dunes.

Big cities: Saskatoon, Regina, Prince Albert.

Top industries: meat processing, agriculture, manufacturing, oil and gas.

## New Brunswick

Famous for: warm beaches, excellent seafood, giant lobsters.

Big cities: Fredericton, Saint John, Moncton.

Top industries: aerospace, manufacturing, marine, forestry, oil and gas.

## Nova Scotia

**Famous for:** coal resources, lobsters, beautiful lighthouses.

**Big cities:** Halifax, Sydney, Truro.

**Top industries:** agriculture, manufacturing, finance, film and TV production.

## Prince Edward Island

**Famous for:** red sand beaches, PEI National Park, large production of potatoes.

**Big cities:** Charlottetown, Summerside, Stratford.

**Top industries:** aerospace, bioscience, fisheries, IT, agriculture.

## Newfoundland & Labrador

**Famous for:** mix of cultures (English, Irish, and French), rich history.

**Big cities:** John's, Paradise, Mount Pearl.

**Top industries:** mining, real estate, construction.

## Nunavut

**Famous for:** Arctic wildlife, Northern Lights, winter sports.

**Big cities:** Iqaluit, Rankin Inlet, Arviat.

**Top industries:** fishing, hunting, mining.

## Northwest Territories

**Famous for:** Wood Buffalo National Park, small population, diverse wildlife.

**Big cities:** Yellowknife, Inuvik, Hay River.

**Top industries:** tourism, fishing, hunting.

## Yukon

**Famous for:** mineral resources, small size.

**Big cities:** Whitehorse, Dawson City, Watson Lake.

**Top industries:** energy, fishing, hunting.

## Quebec

**Famous for:** European atmosphere, gorgeous architecture, large francophone community.

**Big cities:** Montreal, Quebec City, Ottawa-Gatineau.

**Top industries:** manufacturing, mining, engineering, telecommunications, tourism.

Quebec is the third most popular province for newcomers coming to Canada. Quebec is the best province in Canada for immigrants that enjoy cultural activities and appreciate the French language.

The largest province in Canada, Quebec, is famous for its wealth of culture, maple syrup production, and the French language. Although French is the official language of Quebec, the provincial government provides certain protections and services for the English-speaking population. While it is possible to get around Quebec without speaking French, it is a good idea to learn the language. Luckily, Quebec offers free courses to new immigrants that want to learn French.

Montreal is Quebec's most populous city and the third most popular among new immigrants. As North America's number one host city for international events, Montreal is often considered Canada's most cultural city; here, you can enjoy various established music, comedy, and film festivals year-round. Quebec City is the second most popular destination among immigrants settling in the province. The unique French-speaking city strikes a balance between history, modernity, culture, and nature. Residents in Quebec City don't stay idle in the cold months – the city offers a host of unique winter activities and attractions, including the major Winter Carnival, tobogganing in the middle of the city, or visiting the Hotel de Glace (Ice Hotel).

Quebec's climate is known for its extremes. While in parts of the province, temperatures in the winter months can drop as low as -40°C, the summer months can experience temperatures as warm as 35°C.



The economy of Quebec is diverse, largely dominated by the manufacturing and service sectors. Quebec also invests significantly in research and development, with growth in industries such as:

- Information And Communication Technology;
- Electronics And Optics-Photonics;
- Life Sciences And Health Technologies;
- Food And Nutrition;
- Video Games And Digital Solutions;
- Insurance And Finance Services;
- Green And Smart Building; And
- Artificial Intelligence

## So, How To Know Which Province Is The Best?

To make a really good choice, you need to do a bit of a research beforehand.

In any case, we suggest you to follow these few steps when looking for the best place where to immigrate in Canada.

Different provinces and cities have different needs for foreign workers.

You need to ensure that your selected province will have enough job offers to choose from.

- Let's say, a ***management job in finance, accounting or real estate*** is easier to find in ***big cities***, like Toronto, Vancouver or Montreal.
- If you are looking for ***forestry or fishing jobs***, you should check remote areas further from big cities. For example, ***New Brunswick or Yukon*** would be perfect.

- If you are not confident in your English skills, but ***speak good French***, check out jobs in **Quebec**. Chances are, you will find more French-speaking jobs there.

**Choose the province where you know your profession is needed the most.**

One thing you should know – Canada is a very big and diverse country.

When it comes to cost of living, it's very diverse too.

Prices for accommodation differ across cities and provinces, and we strongly recommend you to check them in advance.

First of all, decide what kind of housing you want to live in: house/apartment/studio etc.

Then, look up prices in different cities and choose the one that seems affordable to you.

Let us see some examples of rent prices:

### **Montreal (Quebec)**

 1-bedroom apartment: \$1,500+ per month

### **Charlottetown (PEI)**

 1-bedroom apartment: \$700+ per month

### **Vancouver (BC)**

 1-bedroom apartment: \$1,450+ per month

## **Whitehorse (Yukon)**

 1-bedroom apartment: \$950+ per month

As you see, prices can be twice higher in some places, as opposed to other.

Also, think of the environment you would like to live in.

Would you prefer a quiet place surrounded by nature or a busy dynamic megalopolis with many bars and fun places around?

This is also very important for your choice.

It's obviously a very important step.

When you select a few provinces you are interested in, check out which immigration opportunities it provides.

We suggest you to choose 3-5 options, explore different opportunities and not focus on one province only.

Each province and territory has its own immigration programs and so-called immigration streams.

## **Which is the Safest Province in Canada?**

The safest province in Canada is Quebec since it is home to four of the safest cities in Canada: Levis, Quebec City, Blainville, and Saguenay.

Ontario is also an incredibly safe province since Aurora, La Salle, Wellington County, Burlington, and Barrie are all ranked among the ten safest cities in Canada.

British Columbia also ranks highly in terms of safety since Oak Bay is also one of the top safest cities in Canada.

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