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**Montreal** ([Template:IPAc-en](/wiki/Template:IPAc-en);[[1]](#cite_note-1) [Template:IPA-fr](/wiki/Template:IPA-fr); French: **Montréal**) is the [most populous city in Quebec](/wiki/List_of_cities_in_Quebec) and the [second most populous municipality](/wiki/List_of_the_100_largest_municipalities_in_Canada_by_population) in Canada. Originally called [*Ville-Marie*](/wiki/Fort_Ville-Marie), or "City of Mary,"[[2]](#cite_note-2) it is named after [Mount Royal](/wiki/Mount_Royal),[[3]](#cite_note-3) the triple-peaked hill in the heart of the city. The city is on the [Island of Montreal](/wiki/Island_of_Montreal), which took its name from the same source as the city,[[4]](#cite_note-4)[[5]](#cite_note-5) and a few much smaller peripheral islands, the largest of which is [Île Bizard](/wiki/Île_Bizard). It has a distinct four-season [continental](/wiki/Humid_continental_climate) [climate](/wiki/Montreal#Climate) with warm to hot summers and cold snowy winters.[[6]](#cite_note-6) In 2011 the city had a population of 1,649,519.[[7]](#cite_note-7) Montreal's [metropolitan area](/wiki/Census_Metropolitan_Area#Census_metropolitan_areas) had a population of 3,824,221[[8]](#cite_note-8) and a population of 1,886,481 in the [urban agglomeration](/wiki/Urban_agglomeration_of_Montreal), with all of the [municipalities](/wiki/Municipality) on the Island of Montreal included.[[9]](#cite_note-9) The 2014 estimate of the population of the metropolitan area of Montreal is 4.1 million.[[10]](#cite_note-10) [French](/wiki/French_language) is the city's official language[[11]](#cite_note-11)[[12]](#cite_note-12) and is the language spoken at home by 56.9% of the population of the city, followed by [English](/wiki/Quebec_English) at 18.6% and 19.8% other languages (in the 2006 census).<ref name=language\_2006>[Template:Cite web](/wiki/Template:Cite_web)</ref> In the larger [Montreal Census Metropolitan Area](/wiki/Montreal_Census_Metropolitan_Area), 67.9% of the population speaks French at home, compared to 16.5% who speak English.[[13]](#cite_note-13) Montreal is one of the most [bilingual](/wiki/Bilingualism) cities in Quebec and Canada with 56% of the population able to speak both English and French.[[14]](#cite_note-14) Montreal is the second largest primarily French-speaking city in the world, after [Paris](/wiki/Paris).[[15]](#cite_note-15)[[16]](#cite_note-16)[[17]](#cite_note-17)[[18]](#cite_note-18) Historically the commercial capital of Canada, it was surpassed in population and economic strength by [Toronto](/wiki/Toronto) in the 1970s. It remains an important centre of commerce, [aerospace](/wiki/Aerospace), finance, [pharmaceuticals](/wiki/Pharmaceuticals), technology, design, education, culture, tourism, gaming, film and world affairs.[[19]](#cite_note-19) Being the location of the headquarters of the [International Civil Aviation Organization](/wiki/International_Civil_Aviation_Organization), Montreal is one of three North American cities home to organizations of the [United Nations](/wiki/United_Nations) (along with [Washington, D.C.](/wiki/Washington,_D.C.) and [New York](/wiki/New_York_City))[[20]](#cite_note-20) and also has the second-highest number of consulates in the continent.[[20]](#cite_note-20) Montreal was also named a UNESCO City of Design.[[21]](#cite_note-21)[[22]](#cite_note-22) In 2009, Montreal was named North America's leading host city for international association events, according to the 2009 preliminary rankings of the International Congress and Convention Association (ICCA).[[23]](#cite_note-23) The 2016 edition of QS Best Student Cities ranked Montreal the 7th-best city in the world to be a university student.[[24]](#cite_note-24) According to the 2015 [Global Liveability Ranking](/wiki/World's_most_liveable_cities) by the [Economist Intelligence Unit](/wiki/Economist_Intelligence_Unit), Montreal ranked 14th out of 140 cities.[[25]](#cite_note-25) Montreal has hosted multiple international conferences and events throughout its history, including the [1967 International and Universal Exposition](/wiki/Expo_67) and the [1976 Summer Olympic Games](/wiki/1976_Summer_Olympic_Games).[[26]](#cite_note-26)[[27]](#cite_note-27) It is the only Canadian city to have held the Summer Olympics. Currently, the city hosts the [Canadian Grand Prix](/wiki/Canadian_Grand_Prix) of [Formula One](/wiki/Formula_One), the [Montreal International Jazz Festival](/wiki/Montreal_International_Jazz_Festival) and the [Just for Laughs](/wiki/Just_for_Laughs) festival.[[28]](#cite_note-28)[[29]](#cite_note-29)[[30]](#cite_note-30) In 2012, Montreal was ranked as a [Beta+ world city](/wiki/Global_city).[[31]](#cite_note-31)