

Community Profile

City of Mississauga, Ontario, Canada

Mississauga is a Canadian city in Southern Ontario on the shores of Lake Ontario, located in the Regional Municipality of Peel, in the western part of the Greater Toronto Area. Developed as a suburb of Toronto, Mississauga's growth is attributed to its proximity to that city. Mississauga is bounded by Oakville and Milton to the west/southwest, Brampton to the north, Toronto to the east.

Attractions

Mississauga also boasts one of the largest shopping malls in Canada called Square One Shopping Centre, which is surrounded by several bars and restaurants, as well as City Hall, the Central Library. Mississauga hosts a cultural festival named Carassauga each year to celebrate the diverse population. Mississauga is home to Mosaic, the largest South Asian multi-disciplinary arts festival in North America.

Economy

Over 60 of the Fortune 500 companies base their Global or Canadian Head Offices in Mississauga. Some of the strongest industries are pharmaceuticals, banking and finance, electronics and computers, transportation parts and equipment industries. Citibank Canada retains 2 corporate IT development centres in Mississauga, while TD Bank Financial maintains 3 such centres in the city along with the Royal Bank of Canada. Microsoft Canada is also located in Mississauga.

Population/Languages

Mississauga is a fast-growing and multicultural city. Statistics Canada estimates that Mississauga now houses 734,000 people, and is Canada's sixth-most populous municipality. The 2006 census found that English was spoken as the mother tongue by 49.3% of the population. The next most common languages were the Chinese languages (5.5%), Urdu (4.6%), Polish (4.4%), Punjabi (3.6%), Portuguese (2.8%), Arabic (2.6%), Italian (2.5%) and Spanish (2.1%).

Population by Mother Tongue

Mother Tongue	Population	Percentage
English	328,295	49.32%
French	7,835	1.18%
Chinese	36,445	5.48%
Urdu	30,725	4.62%
Polish	29,020	4.36%
Punjabi	24,145	3.63%
Portuguese	18,745	2.82%
Tagalog (Pilipino)	17,890	2.69%
Arabic	17,290	2.60%
Italian	16,580	2.49%
Spanish	14,145	2.12%
Vietnamese	10,380	1.56%
Source : Statistics Canada 2006 Census		

Religion

Christianity is the majority faith of the city. The 2001 census indicated that 69.78% of the population adheres to Christianity, with Catholics constituting 42.00% of that number, while the remaining 27.78% belong to various Protestant, and Orthodox Christian groups. Other religions include Islam (6.83%), Hinduism (4.73%), Sikhism (3.82%), Buddhism, and Judaism. As a whole, there are appropriately 120 Christian churches in Mississauga, of which 12 are Chinese.

Education

Mississauga is the home to the University of Toronto Mississauga, one of three intercity campuses of the University of Toronto. UTM has an enrollment of approximately 10,000 students. Following a major expansion, since 2002 it is growing at a rate of about 1,000 students per year.

Sheridan College is the new \$46 million dollar facility that opened in 2011 concentrating on business education and programs to accelerate the movement of new Canadians into the workforce.

The city's two main hospitals are Credit Valley Hospital and Trillium Health Centre (formerly Mississauga Hospital).

Transportation

Bus

The city's public transit service, MiWay (formerly Mississauga Transit), provides bus service across the city, and connects to the Toronto subway, Rail, GO Transit, Oakville Transit, and Brampton Transit.

Air

Toronto Pearson International Airport (YYZ), Canada's busiest airport is located in the northeastern section of the city. Along with many other international airlines, it is a hub for Air Canada and WestJet, two of Canada's major airlines, providing flights to regional, national, and international destinations. There are over 30 million passenger movements daily.

Related websites are as follows:

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mississauga>

http://www.mississauga.ca/file/COM/Population_Housing_Demographics.pdf

For 2011 Statistics go to :

<http://www.mississauga.ca/portal/residents/mississaugadata>