

# 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.

In 2009 the City of Mississauga adopted the Strategic Plan consisting of 5 main pillars which will take us into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Our priorities are: Developing a Transit-Oriented City; Ensuring Youth, Older Adults and New Immigrants Thrive; Completing our Neighbourhoods; Cultivating Creative and Innovative Businesses; and Living Green.

As per the 2017 results from the regularly conducted Citizen Satisfaction Survey, Mississauga continues to receive high levels of citizens' satisfaction: high scores were reflected from citizens for overall quality of life as well as pride in the city.

[Click here for more information.](#)

## Overview

- The City of Mississauga is Canada's 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

## City Services

- Mississauga maintains 485 parks, 262 playgrounds, 367 sports fields, 358 woodlands that cover 2,777 acres, 2 marinas and 250 kilometres of winding trails that connect our communities. Mississauga is also part of an extensive 1,600 km waterfront trail along the world's largest group of freshwater lakes. [Click here for more information.](#)
- 13 Community Centres and 2 Active Living 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 more. [Click here for more information.](#)
- 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. [Click here for more information.](#)
- MiWay, the third largest municipal transit system in Ontario, with 87 routes, connects with the Toronto Transit Commission, Brampton Transit, Oakville Transit and all GO Transit stations. For further information about MiWay, contact: Tel: 905-615-INFO (4636) or online at [miway.ca](http://miway.ca)

Updated June 2017



## 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.
- The City of Mississauga has been recognized by Festivals and Events Ontario (FEO) as the 2017 Municipality of the Year. The City is always working to maintain an environment in which festivals and events can thrive and is dedicated to becoming a dynamic global city filled with creativity and innovation.
- [Click here for Mississauga tourism information.](#)

## Downtown Mississauga City Centre

- Downtown Mississauga; also known as City Centre, is located in the heart of Canada's sixth largest city, which has a mix of commercial, educational uses and high density residential uses. With approximately 4 million sq. ft. of existing office space and over 60 acres of land ready to be developed, Downtown Mississauga is a growing centre for the 'new economy'.

- The area includes attractive Class A office buildings that accommodate over 400 corporate businesses, among them include major employers such as Accenture, Davis & Henderson, Deloitte & Touche, Desjardins, E D S Canada, Edward Jones Investments, Morguard Investments, Personal Insurance Co. of Canada, Praxair Canada, Symcor Inc. and The Woodbridge Group.
- Downtown amenities include the Mississauga Celebration Square, Living Arts Centre, art galleries, a central library, the YMCA, Sheridan College and Mohawk College programs, entertainment venues, accommodation, spas, nightlife, central transit terminal, restaurants and international cuisine and Square One shopping centre. Mississauga's City Centre has approximately 4 million square feet of office space and prime real estate opportunities.
- [Click here for more information on events taking place in the city.](#)

## Education

- Educational opportunities and the quality of education are high priorities in Mississauga.
- There are 15 major universities and 17 technical colleges within a one-hour radius commuting distance of Mississauga.
- Mississauga is served by two school boards - the Peel District School Board and the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board are responsible for elementary and secondary schools within the Region.

## Peel District School Board

- The Peel District School Board, one of Canada's largest school boards serves 253 schools with more than 153,858 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. [Click here for more information.](#)

## Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board

- The Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board is one of the largest and most diverse school districts in Ontario which operates 150 catholic schools with a student enrolment of approximately 83,578 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 Programs. [Click here for more information.](#)

## Centre for Education & Training

- In support of the Peel District School 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. [Click here for more information.](#)

## 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

- Sheridan's newest campus - the Hazel McCallion Campus - opened in City Centre during the Fall of 2011 as home of the Faculty of Business. Expansion of Sheridan's Hazel McCallion Campus was completed for the start of 2017. The expansion resulted in a new facility, on the same site, housing state-of-the-art classrooms, computer labs, a Centre for Creative Thinking, and a gallery. [Click here for more information.](#)

## 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 Mississauga Academy of Medicine is a partnership among UTM's Faculty of Medicine and Trillium Health Partners. The Academy is housed in the four-storey Terrence Donnelly Health Sciences Complex at UTM
- The new Innovation Complex houses the Institute for Management & Innovation (IMI) and provides space for students to interact with local industry and government partners to develop entrepreneurial and leadership skills.
- The university offers one of the few Masters of Biotechnology in Canada and the new Masters of Management of Innovation. Other graduate degree options include Master of Arts; Science; Biomedical Communications; Management & Professional Accounting; Doctor of Philosophy and Diploma in Investigative & Forensic Accounting. [Click here for more information.](#)

## 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. [Click here for more information.](#)

- **Trillium Health Partners:**

Trillium Health Partners is one of the largest community-based academically affiliated acute care facilities in Canada, serving the growing and diverse populations of Mississauga, West Toronto and surrounding communities. Operating across three sites – Credit Valley Hospital, Mississauga Hospital, and Queensway Health Centre – Trillium Health Partners offers a full range of acute care hospital services, as well as a variety of community-based, specialized programs. Trillium Health Partners is also the regional centre for oncology, stroke, neurosurgery, sexual assault and domestic violence, and a provincial centre for cardiac services. Trillium Health Partners is dedicated to providing the highest quality of care that is easily accessible for our community, and is committed to creating an exceptional experience for everyone who walks through its doors.

### About our three sites:

#### About Credit Valley Hospital:

Credit Valley Hospital is a regional leader in specialized programs for clinical genetics, renal, maternal-child care and oncology, as well as core clinical programs in general medicine, surgery, emergency, mental health, rehabilitation, obstetrics and gynaecology, paediatrics and cardiac services. Credit Valley is known for its innovative, can-do approach to providing quality patient care to the residents of Mississauga and the surrounding region.

#### About Mississauga Hospital:

With over 120,000 visits annually, the 24-hour Emergency Department at Mississauga Hospital is one of the busiest in the country, and frequently the front door to many of Trillium Health Partners' regional programs, including stroke, neurosurgery, cardiac and sexual assault & domestic violence. Mississauga Hospital also houses the largest concentration of critical care services in Canada with modern facilities offering bright and roomy patient rooms for intensive care, cardiac surgery intensive care and coronary care.

With a specialized focus on women's and children's health services, our Colonel Harland Sanders Family Care Centre, the first of its kind in Canada to be located in a hospital setting, brings all these services together under one roof. Its child-friendly treatment and waiting room areas feature interactive wall décor, an innovative playroom and bright colours designed with input from children in the community.

#### About Queensway Health Centre:

Queensway Health Centre is a model ambulatory care centre, offering community residents access to one of the most convenient and comprehensive outpatient services in the country. Queensway Health Centre features a 14-hour urgent care centre, the largest day surgery centre in North America (Surgicentre), a widely-recognized cardiac wellness & rehabilitation centre, the first comprehensive spine centre of its kind in Canada (Kingsway Financial Spine Centre), and The Betty Wallace Women's Health Centre, with a focus on early intervention and screening of osteoporosis and breast disease.

- **Trillium Health Partners Foundation:**

Trillium Health Partners Foundation is dedicated to raising the critical funds needed to address the highest priority needs of Trillium Health Partners. The Foundation was formed upon the successful voluntary amalgamation between The Credit Valley Hospital Foundation and Trillium Health Centre Foundation in July 2013.

Building upon Trillium Health Partners' strategic plan of creating a new kind of health care for a healthier community, the Foundation is focused on raising funds to revitalize patient care spaces, advance research & education, and ensure our medical teams have the right equipment and resources to continue to enable exceptional care, close to home, for the residents of Mississauga, west Toronto and the surrounding area.

## 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 waterfronts to greenbelts.
- For more information, refer to the [Population & Demographics Profile](#) or, refer to the [Housing Matters document](#) available at [mississauga.ca](http://mississauga.ca).

## Public Safety

### Police Protection

- Mississauga is protected by the Peel Regional Police. It is the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest municipal police service in Ontario and the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest in Canada. Peel Regional Police is acknowledged as one of Canada's most progressive police services. It is dedicated to community focused policing and is strongly committed to their Vision of "A Safer Community". [Click here for more information.](#)

### Safe City Mississauga (SCM)

- 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.
- For the 16<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, Mississauga has ranked as the safest large Canadian metropolitan city to work and reside in. [Click here for more information.](#)

### Fire Protection

- The City of Mississauga has a professional Fire Service with 20 fire halls across the city.
- Emergencies are handled through the department's communication centre by dialing the emergency number 911. [Click here for more information.](#)

VISIT [THEFUTUREISUNLIMITED.CA](http://THEFUTUREISUNLIMITED.CA)

and connect with Mississauga Economic Development today.

1-800-456-2181 • [economic.development@mississauga.ca](mailto:economic.development@mississauga.ca)

