

## Cost of Living in Canada\*

Canada is a large country with vast differences between its regions. It is a federal democracy with ten provinces and 3 territories, all of which have elected parliaments. The country touches the Pacific, Atlantic and Arctic oceans. While the standard of living is considered high in world terms, there are regular reports of high levels of child poverty, low income single-parent families, and homelessness in every region of the country.

The cost of housing, household goods, and groceries also varies from region to region. For example, the average house price in Winnipeg in central Canada is CA\$155,546 and winter weather can go as low as -23°C. In Vancouver on the west coast, an average house costs CA\$508,435 and winter weather is more moderate, but still cool. Summer temperatures vary across the country from highs of 35°C to a more moderate 22°C. Prices of the household goods and groceries also vary from province to province.

### Average Climate

	Toronto	Vancouver	Winnipeg
Spring (Apr.-May)	-3°C to 8°C	5°C to 16°C	-1°C to 19°C
Summer (Jun.-Aug.)	13°C to 26°C	11°C to 22°C	5°C to 29°C
Fall (Sep.-Nov.)	11°C to 0°C	10°C to 9°C	6°C to 11°C
Winter (Dec.-Mar.)	-2°C to -10°C	1°C to 10°C	0°C to -23°C

### Average Housing Prices (owner) CA\$

Canadian Average	CA\$284,620		
<i>Toronto, ON</i>	<i>Vancouver, BC</i>	<i>Winnipeg, MB</i>	
CA\$358,035	CA\$508,435	CA\$155,546	

### Average Rental Prices per month (tenant) CA\$

	Toronto	Vancouver	Winnipeg
1 Room in a house	\$400-550	\$580-900	\$380-480
Apt 1 Bdr	\$775-895	\$675-1,115	\$400-595
Apt 2 Bdr	\$995-1,650	\$700-1,350	\$677-750
Apt 3 Bdr	\$1,195-1,660	\$995-1,500	\$800-1,000
Basement Suite 1 Bdr	\$650-800	\$650-1,390	\$580-675
House 3 Bdr	\$1,400-1,900	\$900-2,900	\$875-950

\*Cost estimates as of July, 2006

# FAST FACTS

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## Average Household Expenses per month CA\$

Hydro	\$90-118
Cable Television	\$29.95
Internet & Cable	\$55.00
Basic Telephone	\$23.95
Renting Apartment/Townhouse (insurance)	\$38.42
Home Owner (insurance)	\$74.00

## Household Goods and Clothing CA\$

Washing Machine	\$469-1,399
Washer & Dryer	\$1,099-2,299
Vacuum Cleaner	\$89.00-239.96
Microwave	\$50.00-199
Refrigerator	\$549-1,699
Shoes	\$20.00-200
Jeans	\$29.99-54.99
T-shirts	\$8.00-19.99

## Groceries

Beef	\$8.09/kg	Chicken	\$6.55/kg
Pork	\$11.00/kg	Lettuce	\$1.00/head
Milk	\$2.68/litre	Potatoes	\$0.84/kg
Bread	\$1.50/loaf	Rice	\$4.00/kg
Coffee	\$10.00/kg	Apples	\$3.24/kg
Ground Beef	\$4.37/kg	Pop/Soda (Coke)	\$1.00/litre
Petrol/Gas	\$1.09-1.15/litre		

## Entertainment

2 person dining	\$40.00-70.00
Adult Movie Ticket	\$9.95

## To Buy CA\$1.00

Philippine Peso	45.90176
Kenyan Shilling	65.81293
Barbados Dollar	1.78011