

Saskatoon Quick Facts



Western Canada's
fastest growing
economy

Location Saskatoon is situated along the banks of the scenic South Saskatchewan River, in the heart of the Canadian prairies. The city region is linked to the world by a first-class international airport, and has excellent road, rail, and air connections to Western Canada and the Midwest United States. The city lies 348 km (216 miles) north of the U.S. border, 225 km (140 miles) east of the Alberta border, and 346 km (215 miles) west of the Manitoba border.

Living Saskatoon residents are active throughout the year, enjoying all four seasons both in and out of doors. The Meewasin Trail offers residents a scenic atmosphere to jog, cycle, cross country ski or walk over 21 kilometres of park space. Saskatoon boasts over 140 parks, and a lifestyle matching the pace of a mid-sized municipality. The average commuting time anywhere in the city is 15 minutes.

Saskatoon is one of the sunniest locations in Canada, averaging 2,380 hours of sunshine per year.



Population of region 245,910

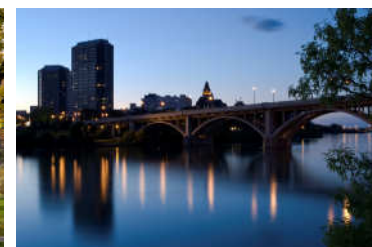
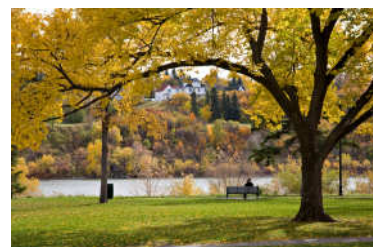
Average house price \$306,060

Average winter temperature - 18 °C

Average annual rainfall 35 cm

Average summer temperature 22°C

Altitude 481.7m



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10 reasons to choose Saskatoon

Industry The Saskatoon region is considered to have one of the most diversified economies in Western Canada. Some of the principle industries in the region including Energy, Life Sciences, Mining and Transportation.

Education Saskatoon offers a wide variety of schooling choices including both public and private institutions with multilingual and multicultural opportunities. The University of Saskatchewan is a world class institution with diverse colleges and an average annual undergraduate enrolment of 15,000 students.

Cost of Living In the second quarter of 2008, the average house price in the city was \$306,060.



- 1 Economic growth
- 2 Market diversity
- 3 Positive investment climate
- 4 Cost competitive
- 5 Central location
- 6 Research & Innovation
- 7 World class education system
- 8 Highly skilled labour market
- 9 Quality of life
- 10 Cultural diversity

Average Monthly Rent Comparison for 2 Bedroom Apartment

| Saskatoon | Calgary | Edmonton | Halifax | Ottawa | Toronto | Vancouver | Winnipeg |
|-----------|---------|----------|---------|--------|---------|-----------|----------|
| \$693 | \$1,089 | \$958 | \$815 | \$961 | \$1,061 | \$1,084 | \$740 |

Source: CMHC Rental Market Statistics—Fall 2007.

Dual Income Family at \$75,000 Total Annual Income*

| | Saskatoon, SK | Calgary, AB | Halifax, NS | Montreal, QC | Saint John, NB | St. John's, Nfld. | Toronto, ON | Vancouver, BC | Winnipeg, MB |
|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Taxes | | | | | | | | | |
| Provincial Income Tax | 4,949 | 3,509 | 5,515 | 5,782 | 5,667 | 5,319 | 3,306 | 2,900 | 5,489 |
| Tax Credits & Rebates | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | (400) |
| Health Premiums | 0 | 1,056 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 750 | 1,296 | 0 |
| Retail Sales Tax | 989 | 0 | 2,783 | 2,617 | 2,783 | 2,946 | 1,904 | 1,465 | 1,728 |
| Gasoline Tax | 300 | 180 | 310 | 334 | 214 | 330 | 294 | 410 | 230 |
| Total Provincial Taxes | 6,238 | 4,745 | 8,608 | 8,733 | 8,664 | 8,595 | 6,254 | 6,071 | 7,047 |
| Household Charges | | | | | | | | | |
| Mortgage Costs | 11,277 | 18,139 | 7,601 | 9,418 | 7,255 | 5,899 | 16,204 | 26,232 | 7,868 |
| Property Taxes | 2,275 | 1,939 | 2,142 | 3,131 | 2,200 | 1,333 | 3,513 | 3,088 | 3,225 |
| Property Tax Credit | (153) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | (570) | 0 |
| Home Heating | 1,206 | 1,166 | 1,723 | 1,827 | 1,961 | 2,318 | 1,488 | 1,453 | 1,427 |
| Energy Rebate | 0 | (147) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Electricity | 940 | 1,116 | 983 | 575 | 913 | 899 | 952 | 554 | 545 |
| Telephone | 258 | 280 | 301 | 265 | 265 | 264 | 265 | 302 | 289 |
| Auto Insurance | 814 | 1,888 | 2,181 | 1,468 | 1,532 | 2,591 | 3,529 | 1,546 | 995 |
| Total Household Charges | 16,617 | 24,381 | 14,931 | 16,684 | 14,126 | 13,304 | 25,951 | 32,605 | 14,349 |
| Total Taxes & Household Charges | 22,855 | 29,126 | 23,539 | 25,417 | 22,790 | 21,899 | 32,205 | 38,676 | 21,396 |

* This information is subject to change and may vary. Source: Saskatchewan Finance, 2008 - 2009 Saskatchewan Provincial Budget

For more information on relocating to the Saskatoon region, please contact the Saskatoon Regional Economic Development Authority at: (306) 664.0720 or 1.800.706.1977 | www.sreda.com

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