

## Toronto at a Glance

Toronto is a growing, multicultural city that sits on the north shore of Lake Ontario. The City of Toronto has a population of about 2.5 million people and the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) has about 5.1 million.

- the capital of the province of Ontario
- the largest city in Canada
- the 5th largest city in North America (after Mexico City, New York City, Los Angeles and Chicago)
- Canada's financial centre - The Toronto Stock Exchange is North America's 3rd largest stock exchange by value traded
- centrally located between Chicago and New York, Toronto is roughly parallel with Boston and Northern California
- half of Toronto's population was born outside Canada; 200 different ethnic origins are represented with 130 languages and dialects spoken
- has the longest street in the world, Yonge Street, which starts in Toronto and ends 1,896 kilometres (1,178 miles) later in Rainy River, Ontario
- home to North America's largest continuous underground pedestrian system, PATH, connecting 1,200 stores and restaurants, 50 office towers, five subway stations, Union Station, six major hotels. PATH holds the Guinness World Record for "Biggest Underground Shopping Complex"
- made up of dozens of ethnic neighbourhoods including 5 Chinatowns, Kensington Market, Greektown, 2 Little Italy's, Little India and Koreatown
- over 7,000 restaurants
- over 38,000 hotel rooms
- 125 museums and galleries
- Primary airport, Toronto Pearson International Airport, is Canada's busiest and has more daily flights into the U.S. than any other airport in the world.
- The Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) is a vast network of subways, streetcars and buses that service about 1.5 million passengers daily
- 71 Business Improvement Areas (BIA), including the first ever, the Bloor West BIA, formed in 1970

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