

CHOOSE THE PLACE THAT'S RIGHT FOR YOU

Life in Lethbridge strikes a balance between the feel of a close-knit small community and the services and amenities of a growing urban centre.

Living in Lethbridge, you'll find a diverse population, two modern post-secondary institutions, a thriving arts and culture scene, top-notch recreational facilities all set against a stunning natural environment within a community where collaboration is king.

Lethbridge is two hours south of Calgary, Canada's third largest city and a major transportation hub for the region, and one hour from the U.S. border. Lethbridge's location in the heart of southern Alberta also puts it in close proximity to premier attractions like Waterton Lakes National Park, Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump World Heritage Site and Writing-on-Stone Provincial Park. The Oldman River runs through the middle of the city, creating scenic coulees, verdant valley parkland and boundless recreational opportunities.

The following highlight boxes and data tables will provide you with additional info about our bright city!

Cost of Living

With low housing prices and affordable consumer goods and services, along with Alberta's low tax regime, living in Lethbridge means doing more with your money, while our easy lifestyle means you have more time to enjoy the things that matters most to you.

Climate

Thanks to its location under the big skies of the prairies, Lethbridge enjoys a climate of mild winters and warm, sun-soaked summers. In fact, Lethbridge is one of the sunniest cities in Canada, with more than 320 days of sunshine every year. In winter, Lethbridge benefits from the Chinook winds that frequently blow off the Rockies and bring with them warm temperatures and melt any snow in their path. Though our semi-arid climate makes us one of the dryer cities in Canada, we get enough moisture to keep the coulees of the Oldman River valley green and maintain a thick and healthy urban forest.

Housing & Transportation

Whether you want a brand new detached home, an older house near our walkable downtown, or the flexibility of an apartment or condo, finding a home in one of our more than 40 neighbourhoods that suits your lifestyle is within your reach. Getting around is easy as well; traffic is light and everything you need is a short trip away. For sustainable transportation choices, Lethbridge has a growing cycling community and infrastructure and many areas of the city are connected by our transit service, LA Transit.

LETHBRIDGE CLIMATE NORMALS

Month	Sunshine Hours	Wind Speed		Temperature (°C)	
		km/hr	Direction	High	Low
January	92.3	20.5	w	0.1	-12.1
February	116	19.2	ws	2.3	-10.6
March	149.6	18	ws	6.4	-6.5
April	204.7	19.7	w	13.1	-1.1
May	256.9	19.2	w	18.3	3.9
June	296.2	17.5	ws	22	8.3
July	334.3	15.3	w	26.1	10.3
August	292.8	14.2	ws	26	9.5
September	197.8	16.1	w	20.2	4.9
October	166.1	19	w	13.7	-0.6
November	110.3	19.8	ws	4.8	-7.2
December	83.7	20.8	ws	0.6	-11.4

Notes

The sunshine hours reflect the total from the 1971-2000 Environment Canada Climate Normals. They were discontinued for the 1981-2010 data collection period.

All figures expressed as monthly averages.

Sources

Environment Canada, National Climate Data & Information Archives, Climate Normals and Averages, 1981-2010, 1971-2000.

AVERAGE RESALE HOME PRICE COMPARISON - ALBERTA LARGE TO MID- SIZED CITIES

City	2016	2011	% Change
Fort McMurray	\$497,396	\$596,436	-16.6%
Calgary	\$463,047	\$402,851	14.9%
Edmonton	\$369,365	\$325,595	13.4%
Red Deer	\$306,697	\$261,258	17.4%
Medicine Hat	\$267,610	\$248,277	7.8%
Lethbridge	\$266,801	\$248,358	7.4%

Notes

Resale home prices encompass all residential units.

*Red Deer is classified as Central Alberta by the Canadian Real Estate Association.

Sources

Canadian Real Estate Association, January 2017