

## Fort Nelson, British Columbia



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Fort Nelson is a beautiful town in the northeastern corner of British Columbia that sits on Historic Mile 300 of the Alaska Highway. It is the administrative centre of the vast Northern Rockies Regional Municipality, which is home to 7,000 residents (4,500 of which reside in Fort Nelson). The city boasts an amazing view of the Rocky Mountains and the surrounding wilderness is incredibly beautiful.

### ***Weather***

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Winters tend to be cold and dry in Fort Nelson, while summers are generally warm and occasionally rainy.

#### *Average Yearly Precipitation*

Average Days with Rainfall per Year: 71.4  
Average Days with Snowfall per Year: 66.1

#### *Seasonal Average Temperatures (°C)*

January: -21.2°  
April: 2.9°  
July: 16.8°  
October: 0.6°

### *Additional Information*

For further information about annual climate data for Fort Nelson, please visit The [Weather Network](#) or [Environment Canada](#) using the links below:

<http://www.theweathernetwork.com/>  
[http://www.weatheroffice.gc.ca/canada\\_e.html](http://www.weatheroffice.gc.ca/canada_e.html)

### ***Location***

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Fort Nelson is situated at Mile 300 of the Alaska Highway. It sits east of the Rocky Mountains by the confluence of the Fort Nelson River, Muskwa River, and Prophet River. The city is approximately 380km North of Fort St. John and 950km (12 hours 45) Southeast of Whitehorse, Yukon.



### **Driving Distances**

Fort St. John.....380km (approx. 4 hours 47 minutes)  
Whitehorse.....950km (approx. 12 hours 45 minutes)  
Anchorage, Alaska.....2082km (approx. 26 hours)  
Prince George.....811km (approx. 10 hours 23 minutes)

### ***Transportation***

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The nearest airport to Fort Nelson is the Fort Nelson Airport (YYE), which serves flights to and from Fort St. John, Dawson Creek, Grande Prairie, Edmonton, and Calgary. To visit the Fort Nelson Airport website, click here:

<http://www.flightstats.com/go/Airport/airportDetails.do?airportCode=YYE>

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## ***Health Services***

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The Fort Nelson General Hospital is an important Health Centre for Northern BC. It houses 25 acute-care beds, and 8 long-term care beds. Care extends to full lab and x-ray facilities, community counseling services, basic obstetrics and minor surgeries.

### **Fort Nelson General Hospital**

5315 Liard Street  
Fort Nelson, BC, V0C 1R0  
250-774-8100

Fort Nelson also has two dental clinics, two pharmacies, drug and alcohol programs, counseling services, child/youth care programs, and several support groups and organizations.

For more information on health services in Fort Nelson, visit:  
Healthlink BC: <http://www.healthlinkbc.ca/servicesresources/>

or

Northern Health: <http://www.northernhealth.ca/Home.aspx>

## ***Education***

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B.C. School District #81 administers three elementary schools and one high school in Fort Nelson: J.S.Clark Elementary (K-4), G.W.Carlson Elementary (K-4), R.L. Angus Elementary (5-7), and Fort Nelson Secondary School (8-12).

Click on the following link to visit the website for School District #81:  
<http://www.sd81.bc.ca/>

Fort Nelson has a community college; Northern Lights College, which offers a full variety of educational opportunities, from adult basic education through university transfer.

Click on the following link to visit Northern Lights College's website:

<http://www.nlc.bc.ca/>

## ***Accommodation***

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Finding housing in Fort Nelson can be tricky at times but not impossible. The average price of homes there are around \$300,000 with the lowest being \$134,000 and the highest being \$595,000.

The best place to find real estate listings is at [www.mls.ca](http://www.mls.ca)

[Fort Nelson REMAX](#)

250-774-7411

Apartment Rentals require some advanced investigating as well. Most property rental companies have waitlists for apartments and renters should start looking as soon as possible. Some rental companies to call are:

[Northern Property Real Estate](#)

403-531-0720

[Fort Nelson Apartment for Rent](#)

905-680-2548

## ***Amenities***

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Fort Nelson offers a wide range of amenities including an indoor aquatic centre, golf course, arena, bowling alley, museum, theatre, library, and a full assortment of stores and businesses.

Recreational activities that are available around Fort Nelson include hiking, biking, skiing, ATVing, snowmobiling, kayaking, canoeing, golfing, fishing, wildlife viewing, and camping.

## ***Taxes***

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British Columbia has some of the lowest tax rates among Canadian provinces. To see how taxes compare across Canadian provinces and territories, visit:

<http://www.taxtips.ca/taxrates/taxcomparison/taxcomparison2012.htm>

For detailed information on taxes in BC, visit:

<http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/theme.page?id=4DE87E7EE0859251309F8142B9BD4824>