

Prince George, BChttp://www.princegeorge.ca/Pages/default.aspx

Known as BC's Northern Capital, Prince George is a commercial, medical, and transportation hub for BC's northern communities. Residents enjoy affordable housing, incomes above provincial averages, and an extensive range of quality services and activities. Recreation opportunities are second to none; ranging from golfing, skiing, fishing, and hunting to any team sport you can think of. The City is a vibrant, active, and diverse community that has a strong cultural identity linked to the North.

Prince George is firmly tied to the global market. It is a staging center for mining and prospecting and a major regional transportation, trade, and government hub.

Accommodation

Real Estate

Single family homes in Prince George start at about \$125,000. Two and three bedroom homes on larger lots start at about \$200,000. This is very affordable in comparison to average housing prices in the rest of BC and Canada.

Check out the links below for help finding homes for sale in Prince George:

MLS Realty Listings

http://www.realtor.ca/index.aspx



Century 21 Bob Sutton Realty

Office: 1-250-563-2521 Fax: 1-250-563-3421

Website: <u>Bob Sutton Realty</u>

Re/Max Centre City Realty

Office: 1-250-562-3600 Fax: 1-250-562-8231

Website: Remax CentreCity

Rental



Rental prices are also low in Prince George. Two-bedroom apartments start at \$700/month and renting a spacious four-bedroom home is approximately \$1400/month. Below are some helpful rental websites:

http://princegeorge.en.craigslist.ca/

http://www.gottarent.com/

Education

K-12 public schools in Prince George are operated by BC School District 57. They include 31 elementary schools, eight secondary schools, and one Centre for Learning Alternatives. Visit the school district's website at

http://www.sd57.bc.ca/index.php?id=501

Post-secondary educational facilities in Prince George include the <u>University</u> of Northern British Columbia and the <u>College of New Caledonia</u>.

Location

Prince George is located at the convergence of the Fraser and Nechako Rivers, close to the middle of British Columbia. The city is situated at the crossroads of Highway 97 (north-south) and Highway 16 (east-west) (click here to view with Google Maps).





Weather

Prince George enjoys a humid continental climate. Winters are milder than the high latitude and elevation would suggest.

Average Days with Precipitation per Year

Average Days with Rainfall per Year (>0.2mm): 111.5 Average Days with Snowfall per Year (>0.2cm): 69.3

Seasonal Average Temperatures (°C)

January: -9.6°C April: 5.2°C July: 15.5°C October: 4.6°C

Additional Information

For further information on annual climate data for Fernie, please visit: www.theweathernetwork.com/weather/cabc0076

Health

Prince George Regional Hospital is the referral and trauma centre for most of northern British Columbia. It has over 200 acute and rehabilitation beds, providing a full range of core medical services, clinics and support services. Visit the Northern Health Authority's website here: www.northernhealth.ca

Transportation

<u>Prince George Airport</u> is minutes from downtown and provides access to the world through Air Canada and WestJet while Hawk Air, Central Mountain Air, Northern Thunderbird and Williston Lake Air fly to regional and smaller centers. Both *CNR* freight and BC Rail freight lines operate out of Prince George as well as <u>VIA rail passenger service</u>. Some major trucking lines serve the region as well. <u>Greyhound Bus Lines</u> provides daily bus service, and PG Transit buses serve the city with local routes.

Recreation

Recreation facilities include parks and playgrounds, tennis courts, ice rinks, an aquatic centre, riverfront trail system, race track, go cart track, and 7,000 seat multipurpose arena. Four provincial parks in the region provide downhill, cross-country, and heli-skiing.



Residents of Prince George enjoy easy access to fishing, camping, hunting, hiking, rock climbing, and ice climbing. The city is also home to an art gallery, convention centre, theatres, museums, movie theatres, night clubs, sports bars, pubs, and fine-dining establishments.

Industry

Wood is very important to the local economy; forestry, plywood manufacturing, 12 sawmills, and three pulp mills provide many jobs. Healthcare and education are also mainstays. Other industry includes two chemical plants, an oil refinery, brewery, dairy, machine shops, aluminum boat building, log home construction, value added forestry product and specialty equipment manufacturing.

Taxes

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