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This multi-cultural city with a population of over 735,000 has grown from cottage getaway to the third largest city on the Great Lakes.

Living History

Iroquois and Algonquin were living in the Credit River Valley when Europeans first arrived in the 1600s. Mississauga is an Anishinaabe word meaning "Those at the Great River mouth."

By 1805, following the purchase of 84,000 acres of land from the Algonquin Mississaugas, villages in Toronto Township (now Mississauga) included Lakeview, Clarkson, Cooksville, Dixie, Erindale, Lorne Park, Port Credit, Sheridan and Summerville. In 1820, more land was purchased from the Mississaugas and additional settlements were established, including Barbertown, Britannia, Burnhamthorpe, Derry West, Elmbank, Malton Meadowdale, Mount Charles and Streetsville. In the 1920s, cottages started being built along Lake Ontario as weekend houses for affluent city dwellers.

The townships of Lakeview, Cooksville, Lorne Park, Clarkson, Erindale, Sheridan, Dixie, Meadowdale and Malton were amalgamated in 1968 to form the Town of Mississauga. In 1974, Port Credit and Streetsville were annexed by Mississauga when it reincorporated as a city. That year, the sprawling Square One Shopping Centre opened, which has since expanded many times.

Housing Options

Initially a suburb of Toronto, Mississauga's growth has given it a unique identity. In 1935, the first suburban developments — corresponding with the opening of the QEW from Highway 27 to Highway 10 — popped up in the area south of the Dixie Road and QEW interchange. Over time, development moved north and west and large-scale developments started to happen in the 1960s and '70s. Mississauga saw a condo boom starting in the 1990s and the area around Square One is now full of highrise buildings. Some of the condo developments currently for sale include:

- PSV Condos, PSV2, The Grand Residences, The Park Residences at Parkside Village and Block Nine by Amacon
- Pinnacle Grand Park 2, The Marquee Townhomes, Amber, Pinnacle Grand Park and Crystal at Pinnacle Uptown by Pinnacle International
- Heritage Gate by Dunpar Homes
- Downtown Erin Mills by Pemberton Group
- ParkLane Residences by KobenHavn
- Daniels Erin Mills and Daniels Encore by The Daniels Corporation
- Ville by Forest Green Homes
- Tempo by Greenpark
- Glow by Empire Communities and Pace Developments
- Absolute World by Cityzen Development and Fernbrook Homes
- Windows on the Green and The Craftsman by Vandyk Group
- Mirage, Aspire, Cameo and 5 & 10 by The Conservatory Group
- Artemis Ridge by DiBlasio Homes
- The Anchors at Lakeview by Dunsire Developments and Fortress Real Developments
- Vogue and Maze by Matas Group
- Crestview Commons by Fortress Real Developments and Carlyle Communities
- The Residences at Gordon Woods by Edenshaw Homes
- East Mineola by Queenscorp
- Condos on Broadway by Cesta Developments
- The Summit Collection by Summit View Homes
- Streetsville Village Residences by Dezen Homes



The Absolute Towers, also known as the Marilyn Monroe buildings.

The Workplace

Pearson International Airport, Canada's busiest, is located in Mississauga and the GTA is one of the biggest employers in the city. Mississauga is also home to a number of drug and manufacturing companies, and many high-tech and financial institutions have their head offices in the city. The largest employers in the city include Accenture, Air Canada, Bell Canada, Canada Cartage, Canada Post, Canada Revenue, Candu Energy, Citi, Federal Express, Hewlett-Packard, Maple Leaf Consumer Foods, Microsoft, Novartis, RBC Financial Group, Suncor Energy, Symcor Inc., TD Bank Financial Group, the Trillium Health Partners, Target Canada, General Electric and Walmart Stores Corp.



Mississauga City Hall

Leisure Pursuits

There is a lot to do in Mississauga, including a visit to the Art Gallery of Mississauga and the Living Arts Centre, which offers a number of musical performances, plays and children's activities. The city's largest festival happens on Canada Day and the Tree-Lighting Ceremony and New Year's Eve bash at Celebration Square at City Hall are always popular. Cultural events are held throughout the year in Celebration Square, including Fiesta Ng Kalayaan for the Philippines, Viet Summerfest for Vietnam, Muslimfest for the city's large Muslim community, and

Mosaic Festival, which is the largest South Asian multi-disciplinary arts festival in North America. Streetsville holds its annual Bread and Honey Festival the first weekend of June and Port Credit holds multiple festivals throughout the year, including Buskerfest, the Waterfront Festival, and the Southside Shuffle Blues & Jazz Festival. In Malton, the Sikh community holds its annual Khalsa Day Parade, which attracts more than 100,000 people.



Mississauga's City Centre skyline at night.

Retail Therapy

Each of the villages that now make up Mississauga has lovely boutique-style shopping with cafés and restaurants to suit every taste and budget. Square One Shopping Centre, located at the City Centre, has over 350 stores and services and is surrounded by several bars and restaurants, a multi-screen movie theatre, City Hall, the Central Library and Playdium. The Erin Mills Town Centre is the second-largest mall in the city and is notable for its clock tower, mini-golf course and daycare centre. The Dixie Outlet Mall — the city's first indoor shopping centre — is home to premium brand outlets and the Fantastic Flea Market.



Square One Shopping Centre

Easy Access

Mississauga is served by seven major highways, including the QEW, Highways 401, 403, 409, 410, 427 and 407 ETR. Mississauga Transit is the third-largest municipal transit system in Ontario, servicing about 43 million riders per year. There more than 80 routes through the city connecting with the TTC, Brampton Transit, Oakville Transit and GO Transit. Mississauga Transit's MiWay operates express service from the Islington subway station to Mississauga City Centre, the Airport Corporate, Gateway and Meadowdale business districts.



Mississauga Transit terminal at Square One.

Parks & Rec

Mississauga boasts more than 522 parks and 225 kilometres of trails and woodlands. Some parks provide serenity, while others boast a variety of active recreational facilities, including indoor and outdoor skating rinks, cricket and soccer pitches, baseball and softball diamonds, football fields, tennis courts and childrens' play areas and splash pads. Mississauga is also home to successful athletes and boasts world-class synchronized swimming and rowing clubs, in addition to canoeing, soccer and figure skating clubs. Indoor playgrounds include Playdium, Kids Time Family Fun Centre, KidSports and the Laser Quest Centre. There are many golf courses in the city, including Derrydale, Credit Valley, Toronto Golf, Streetsville Glen, Lionhead, Grand Highland, Mississauga Golf, BraeBen and Lakeview.



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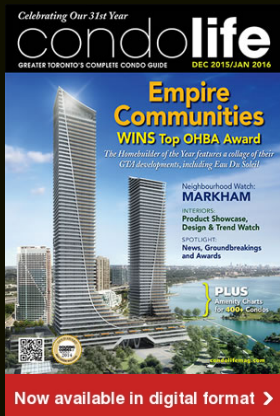
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