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Your new
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Manitoba Welcomes newcomers



For a brighter
future, make
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Canada's central province has much to offer you and your family. In Manitoba, you will find one of the most dynamic and diverse regions in the country, along with a quality of life that promises unlimited potential. Career opportunities, friendly communities, wide-open spaces, clean water and air – these are just a few of the benefits of settling in Manitoba.

This province was built by immigrants from many nations who chose to start a new life here. Today, through Manitoba's highly successful Provincial Nominee Program and other immigration streams, skilled workers, business people and their families can immigrate to Manitoba for a brighter future.

People from around the world continue to choose Manitoba as their home. The reasons are clear. Our vibrant and growing economy, enviable standard of living, bilingual opportunities, rich and varied geography and abundant natural resources make Manitoba an ideal place to live, work and raise a family.

Live the good life

at an affordable cost



Did you know that Manitoba's housing prices are among the lowest in the country? In Winnipeg, our capital city, you can purchase a three-bedroom family home including a private lot for less than \$100,000.

Did you know that Manitobans pay among the lowest rates in Canada for auto insurance, electricity and food? That's right. New residents can expect to pay less for personal living costs in Manitoba than in other provinces.

Not only that. Our bilingual province offers world-class, publicly funded health care and an education system in both English and French that compares with the best anywhere. And your family deserves the best.



Manitoba's low cost of living will benefit you and your family

ANNUAL PERSONAL LIVING COSTS AND TAXES

Single earner family of four earning \$40,000*

Newfoundland & Labrador	12,753
Prince Edward Island	12,813
Nova Scotia	14,959
New Brunswick	14,590
Quebec	13,933
Ontario	18,757
Manitoba	10,553
Saskatchewan	12,462
Alberta	13,234
British Columbia	17,012

Source: Manitoba Budget 2003

*Includes income tax, retail sales and gasoline taxes, health premiums, child benefits, mortgage costs, auto insurance, telephone service, electricity, heating and property taxes.

AVERAGE HOUSING COSTS BY PROVINCE

Newfoundland & Labrador	76,283
Prince Edward Island	100,657
Nova Scotia	101,515
New Brunswick	86,538
Quebec	110,668
Ontario	199,884
Manitoba	97,670
Saskatchewan	93,065
Alberta	159,698
British Columbia	230,645

Source: Statistics Canada, Census of Population
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Big City life, small town charm

Winnipeg is a major economic and cultural centre for the prairie region of Canada, with more arts, festivals, cultural and entertainment choices than many larger cosmopolitan cities. The city's lively urban appeal is enhanced by the strong sense of community and warm hospitality that also distinguishes the smaller, rural centers across the province.

Diversity in our economy, our geography and our people, remains a key strength of Manitoba. This diversity means advantages for the province's economic growth, tourism industry and overall quality of life. People from over 200 different ethnic communities make their home in Manitoba, including a large French-speaking population. Year-round celebrations across the province honour our various cultures and help build strong communities with mutual respect for one another's customs and traditions.





Clean air, Clean water



Manitoba's spectacular geography provides a wide range of outdoor activities, whether you are seeking adventure or simply a quiet spot to relax. Home to lovely beaches and thousands of rivers and streams for recreation, the province has abundant natural landscapes and wildlife. You can canoe a wilderness river, cast your line for trophy fish, ski through sparkling snow, soak up the sun on a sandy beach or stroll down a leafy forest trail – all within a short drive of any Manitoba community.



It's your family's future.
Don't dream it, live it – in Manitoba

Share in our bright economic future

With low costs for land and electricity, and some of the most affordable housing in Canada, Manitoba is a place where a dollar goes far. Furthermore, our diverse economy ensures an unemployment rate that is consistently among the lowest in the country. Combine that with quality, publicly funded health care and outstanding educational opportunities, and it is easy to see why Manitoba is such an appealing place to settle and raise a family.

Manitoba has long welcomed newcomers from around the world through a mix of economic, family and humanitarian immigration. Today, thousands more are considering making Manitoba their home. The province encourages and assists skilled

workers and business immigrants who are considering moving to Manitoba, particularly those with skills in high-demand occupations.

When you arrive in Manitoba, knowledgeable staff at the provincial government's Immigration and Multiculturalism Division will help you with the challenges of settling in, by providing information and materials to help you adjust to your new home. We guide you in accessing English language training and advise you about resources in key areas like housing, education and employment. We will also recommend useful programs, services and resources to help you feel at home in Manitoba.

Leading Manitoba industries with immediate and long-term needs for professionals and skilled workers include aerospace, tourism, bio-medical, information technology, manufacturing, agriculture and foods. You can find a list of occupations in demand in Manitoba through our website.

International students welcome

Manitoba welcomes international students and temporary workers. Our public education system offers quality post-secondary education to international students that is among the most affordable in Canada. Manitoba's five universities provide a wide range of graduate and professional degree programs. Our seven colleges and technical training centres work with industry to produce highly skilled workers who can meet Manitoba's current employment needs.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES BY CANADIAN PROVINCE (of those in labour force)

Newfoundland & Labrador	16.9%
Prince Edward Island	2.1%
Nova Scotia	9.7%
New Brunswick	10.4%
Quebec	8.6%
Ontario	7.1%
Manitoba	5.2%
Saskatchewan	5.7%
Alberta	5.3%
British Columbia	8.5%

Source : Statistics Canada, CANSIM, table 282-0002
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Manitoba's Provincial Nominee Program

Your path to a new start

Looking for better opportunities for yourself and your family? Through the Manitoba Provincial Nominee Program, Manitoba will assist newcomers wishing to live and work in the province and become part of building our future. The Manitoba Provincial Nominee Program welcomes both skilled workers and business people.



Skilled Worker

Under our Manitoba Provincial Nominee Program for skilled workers, Manitoba chooses prospective immigrants with the skills to meet specific Manitoba labour market demands. Your application has the best chance of being approved by the program if:

- your training and work experience are in demand in Manitoba
- you have a guaranteed job offer
- you have family or community support to assist you upon your arrival



Other considerations include age, education, recent work experience, language skills and spouse's occupation.

Our program works in partnership with employers, communities and ethnocultural organizations to identify needs, connect with and assist potential immigrants. You do not need to pay an immigration representative to apply to the Manitoba Provincial Nominee Program and you will not receive special consideration if you do.

Visit www.immigratemanitoba.com for a complete self-assessment and application kit.

Business

The Provincial Nominee Program for business welcomes qualified business people who wish to start or buy a business in Manitoba. We are committed to helping you to identify business opportunities in our Province.

Visit www.immigratemanitoba.com for more information and a complete application kit on the business program.





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