

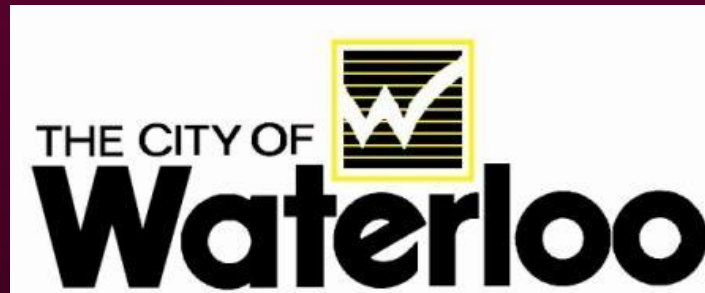
McMaster University

Kitchener-Waterloo and Area
Family Medicine
Residency Program

Living in Kitchener-Waterloo



<http://www.kitchener.ca/en/index.asp>



<http://www.city.waterloo.on.ca/HomePage.aspx>

City of Kitchener

Formerly known as the “City of Berlin”, Kitchener has over 200,00 residents and neighbours the cities of Cambridge and Waterloo. Kitchener’s economic heritage is industrial but it is currently an internationally-recognized insurance and finance sector and is an emerging centre for digital media and health sciences.



City Hall

City of Waterloo

The city of Waterloo is world renowned and home to the University of Waterloo, Wilfrid Laurier University, RIM and the Perimeter Institute. It is a strong technology centre and has a population over 100,000.



University of Waterloo



Kitchener-Waterloo

Kitchener and Waterloo are sometimes jointly referred to as “Kitchener-Waterloo” or dubbed “the twin cities”. They have German and Native American ancestry, and along with Cambridge make up the Waterloo *region*, one of the largest Census Metropolitan Areas in Canada.

Annual Events



Kitchener Blues Festival



Oktoberfest





Chicopee
Ski Park



Doon Heritage Village



Fun & Learning



Museums & Conservatories



Green space!



Victoria Park



Huron Trail



Fun Facts about Kitchener

- The name “Kitchener” was picked to honor a war veteran named Horatio Herbert Kitchener
- Kitchener celebrates Oktoberfest – a nine day festival based on the German Oktoberfest. People all over the world come to celebrate and it is the second largest festival, next to the original in Munich
- The *world-wide* “blue box” recycling program started in Kitchener
- William Lyon Mackenzie King – the 10th Prime Minister of Canada – was born in Kitchener on December 17th, 1874 and died in Kitchener on July 22nd, 1950
- The annual Kitchener Waterloo Multicultural Festival draws thousands of people, and features ethnic foods, dance and crafts

Fun Facts about Waterloo

- Founded in 1984, the Brick Brewery was Ontario's first craft brewery
- The Perimeter Institute is a major centre for theoretical physics research and is where Stephen Hawking serves as chair
- The Accelerator Centre is a world-renowned centre dedicated to accelerating the creation and growth of sustainable new technology companies
- The bike park at McLennan park is hailed as one of the best bike parks in Southern Ontario by BMX and mountain biking enthusiasts



Perimeter Institute

Job Stats

- Wide range of employers from manufacturing to high-tech industries
- Historically, one of the lowest unemployment rates in Ontario
- Largest Employers:
 - Research In Motion
 - Waterloo Region District School Board
 - Toyota Manufacturing
 - Manulife Financial
 - University of Waterloo
- Major industries and employment areas in region:
 - Agriculture
 - Retail/Wholesale Trade
 - Construction & Skilled Trades
 - Education
 - Finance and Business
 - Healthcare and Social Assistance
 - Manufacturing
 - Technology
 - Transportation, Warehouse & Logistics

Housing Info

- Housing in Kitchener-Waterloo is lower than in Toronto and the surrounding area
- Average buying price (October 2012):
 - Residential property: \$302,656
 - Condominium unit: \$215,831
 - Townhouse: \$287,133
 - Single detached home: \$339,592
- Average days on market: 47
- Average rental price:
 - two-bedroom apartment: \$825
 - three-bedroom apartment: \$900
 - 1 room: \$434-\$560



Resident Perspective

"I live in Guelph and commute to Kitchener. The commute is about 30 minutes and is a lovely drive. Kitchener itself is a great city. There is lots to do; great restaurants, festivals, and beautiful parks for recreation. I go running on my lunch hour sometimes in a nearby park, which is awesome! There are lots of young professionals and many opportunities for networking and socializing."

--PGY2

"As a new 'single-and-ready-to-mingle' resident to the KW region, with very few ties and no social connections, my big concern was finding a welcoming, social crowd. Fortunately, this hasn't been an issue at all! There are many pubs, clubs, restaurants and a very warm and outgoing community - and this is coming from someone used to the downtown scene of Halifax! The bars are usually filled, the patrons easy to make conversation with and the culture of the KW campus is very fun and outgoing. You'll often hear 'oh, it's pretty close to Toronto' as an advertisement for regional center's nightlife - that is wholly unnecessary if you're in KW!"

--PGY1

If you would like more information regarding practicing and living in Kitchener-Waterloo, please contact:

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