

**MoneySense**

**CANADA'S BEST  
PLACES TO LIVE**

**CONGRATULATIONS  
BURLINGTON**



# ANOTHER ANGLE

THE SASKATCHEWAN FARMER  
SAID: "THE MOUNTAINS ARE  
GREAT, BUT THEY SURE DO  
BLOCK THE VIEW."

# BEST CITIES BACKGROUND

ALL CITIES WITH A POPULATION OF OVER  
10,000 AND DESIGNATED AS CENSUS  
AGGLOMERATIONS (CA) OR CENSUS  
METROPOLITAN AREAS (CMA) BY  
STATISTICS CANADA

**EXPLODE SEVEN CENSUS  
METROPOLITAN AREAS TO  
INCLUDE ALL COMPONENT CITIES  
WITH MORE THAN 100,000 PEOPLE**

- 154 CITIES
- 22,600,000 RESIDENTS
- 24 SEPARATE RANKINGS
  - 3,700 DATA POINTS

# THE WINNERS ARE:

- 1 VICTORIA
- 2 OTTAWA
- 3 KINGSTON
- 4 BURLINGTON
- 5 VANCOUVER

# WALK/BIKE TO WORK

- RANK: 142
- WEIGHTING: 10%

2006 Census

# AVERAGE HOUSE PRICE

- RANK: 125
- WEIGHTING: 7.5%

Current prices per real estate boards

# TIME TO BUY A HOUSE

- RANK: 60
- WEIGHTING: 7.5%

# HOUSEHOLD INCOME

- RANK: 9
- WEIGHTING: 4%

2009 Canadian Demographics Projections

# DISCRETIONARY INCOME

- BASED ON % OF TOTAL INCOME
  - RANK: 9
  - WEIGHTING: 4%

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# NEW CARS

- RANK: 16
- WEIGHTING: 4%

Canadian Demographics

# INCOME & SALES TAX

- RANK: 5 OUT OF 12
- WEIGHTING: 3%

Provincial websites

# POPULATION GROWTH

- RANK: 26
- WEIGHTING: 10%

2006 Census

Ideal 5 year growth pegged at 7.4%

# CRIME

- RANK: 10
- WEIGHTING: 5%

Statistics Canada 2007 Crime Reports

# DOCTORS

- RANK: 62
- WEIGHTING: 6%

CMA 2007 Report

# HEALTH CARE WORKERS

- RANK: 114
- WEIGHTING: 4%

2006 Census

# UNEMPLOYMENT

- RANK: 40
- WEIGHTING: 10%

Statistics Canada & Canadian Demographics

# PUBLIC TRANSIT

- RANK: 27
- WEIGHTING: 2%

2006 Census

# WEATHER

- RANK: 3
- WEIGHTING: 20%

Environment Canada averages of days with precipitation, total precipitation, days of freezing and air pollution.

# BUZZ

- RANK: 27
- WEIGHTING: 5%

2006 Census