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Explore the vast outdoor playground all year



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Employment is rewarding in Yukon



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Take a dip in the hot springs



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# Why Yukoners are the happiest\* people in Canada

(and why you might want to be one)

## Yukon – it's the best of all worlds!

Yukon is a vibrant and growing place to live, work and play. Yukon residents enjoy a quality of life that is second to none with a strong economy, a broad range of government and community services, and easy access to one of the biggest outdoor playgrounds on the planet.

It's why we're here, and why we're happy.

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\* according to the Centre for the Study of Living Standards, September 2012

## 5 Opportunities for Work

Yukon is great - but is there opportunity for work for me and my partner?

**CAREER OPPORTUNITIES** You couldn't pick a better place for you or your family members to pursue a career opportunity. The territory has a diverse economy with active mining, tourism, and construction sectors.

As well, there are career opportunities in municipal, First Nation, territorial, and federal governments. The nonprofit sector also provides choices with associations and societies looking for skilled and dedicated staff.

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Festivals thrive in summer and winter

# Here are the top 5 reasons

(the rest will be fun for you to discover for yourself)



## 4 The “Yukon” Financial Advantage

Can you keep a secret? As Yukoners, there are financial advantages, just for being, well... Yukoners. Let's see how it adds up...

**DEDUCTIONS** Yukon residents are eligible for the Northern Residents Deduction for their Canadian Income Tax returns, which can amount to over \$5,000 in deductions per year.

**NO PST** Purchases of goods and services in Yukon are subject only to the Goods and Services Tax. There is no other sales tax (i.e., PST or HST).

**FREE** Medical coverage is free to all Yukoners after three months residency in the territory.

**CHILDREN'S DENTAL PROGRAM** Yukon offers free dental services to children in Yukon's elementary school system.

**POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION** Yukon offers its high school graduates who attend post-secondary institutions an annual Yukon Grant of up to \$5,376 per year.

## 1 Lifestyle

So much depends on lifestyle and for many Yukoners, lifestyle is a matter of choice—from recreational and outdoor activities to social and cultural events. Yukon has a wide range of activities to choose from for a lifestyle that fulfills your family's needs.

**ORGANIZED SPORT** Over 70 sports organizations cover a wide variety of activities, from team sports (hockey, soccer and softball) to individual sports (swimming, cycling and skiing).

**CANADA GAMES CENTRE** Whitehorse boasts a modern sports facility with two indoor rinks, an indoor turf field, a multipurpose gymnasium, an indoor running track, and a swimming pool complex, with a 25-metre pool and a two-storey indoor water slide.

**OUTDOORS** Golf courses, downhill skiing, and trails for hiking, biking and cross-country skiing expand Yukon's outdoor options and opportunities. The territory has over 40 campgrounds and hundreds of kilometres of trails. Yukon offers great opportunities for hunting, wildlife viewing and excellent fishing in our many lakes and rivers.

**PERFORMING ARTS** Yukon hosts a number of theatre companies, community choirs, a jazz society, a classical concerts society, dance schools, and music and film festivals throughout the year. The Yukon Arts Centre is a 428-seat theatre that hosts a full annual schedule of events and performances.

**DINING** Whitehorse alone has over 60 restaurants. On the menu you'll find culinary delights from local cuisine that includes Arctic Char and bison, to a wide variety of ethnic restaurants. And if espresso is your thing, you have more than a dozen fine establishments from which to choose.



## 2 Health Services

Yukoners have a proud history of taking care of themselves and looking after each other. Today, Yukoners care for each other the 21st century way, with modern medical services.

**WHITEHORSE GENERAL HOSPITAL** A modern, hospital with a 55-bed capacity as well as emergency, ICU, obstetrics, medical imaging, and surgical services.

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES** These link Yukon hospitals and community nursing stations with tertiary care facilities in Vancouver, Calgary and Edmonton.

**VISITING SPECIALISTS** This program brings a wide range of medical specialist services to Yukon on a routine basis.

## 3 Education

The Department of Education works to promote and support education, labour market activities and lifelong learning through meaningful partnerships.

**SCHOOLS** Yukon's Department of Education offers:

- neighbourhood schools
- innovative programs for its primary and secondary schools.
- high school programming with experiential learning options.
- a full K-12 French immersion program and a francophone school.

**YUKON COLLEGE** This accredited institution offers certificates, diplomas and degrees, as well as continuing education and training. For many Yukon high school grads, it provides the first two years of university transfer courses.



“If you're raising a family, Yukon has a great mix of community organizations and programs that will give you a wide range of health, social, business, recreational, and financial opportunities.”

