



*Dundurn Castle*

# Community Profile

# HAMILTON

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City/Suburb

## *the Region:*

### TORONTO WEST

#### Where history and modern urbanization combine

The towns to the west of Toronto comprise some of the fastest growing communities in Ontario, and can be considered extensions of the large city, with small city charms. Safe and clean suburban neighbourhoods offer students the opportunity to experience a true immersion into Canadian life, and provide students many exciting opportunities to explore Toronto

**Location:** approx. 40-60 minutes west of Toronto

**Outdoor Sports:** Boating • Cycling • Fishing • Golfing • Hiking • Horseback Riding • Rollerblading • Skating • Skiing • Snowboarding

#### Recreation for students:

• Art Galleries • Coffee shops • Festivals • Libraries • Music concerts • Movies • Museums • Parks • Restaurants (formal and fast food) • Ski Resorts (1-2 hours drive) • Shopping malls & centres • Sports • Theatre • Youth recreational centres

#### Why Toronto West?

- Close to Toronto - within 40 minute commute to downtown Toronto
- Affluent, safe, welcoming communities
- Growing neighbourhoods - new schools
- Great value experience

#### COMMUNITIES IN THIS REGION:

- Hamilton

[www.tourismhamilton.com](http://www.tourismhamilton.com)

### "The Town by the Lake"

Hamilton is an historic port city whose past is proudly preserved in its stunning architecture and historic homes. It has an outstanding variety of cultural, outdoor and sport attractions that provide great experiences for visitors, including Ontario's third largest art gallery. Each vibrant neighbourhood has a distinct character, and circling the city are some of the best recreational sites – the Royal Botanical Gardens, the famous Bruce Trail, and an abundance of conservation areas, water parks and walking paths.

- Located on the western edge of Lake Ontario
- Population: approximately 505,000
- 90 km west of Toronto

#### Sister Cities:

Flint, Michigan (USA)  
Fukuyama (Japan)  
Ma'anshan, Anhui (China)  
Monterrey (Mexico)  
Racalmuto, Sicily (Italy)  
Valle Peligna, Abruzzo (Italy)

#### Notable features:

- 8th largest city in Canada, and is considered to be a satellite community of Toronto (40 minute commute by GO Train)
- Many parks, conservation areas and hiking trails
- Industry is lead by the Health Sciences as well as manufacturing
- City has a growing Arts community, showcased by many galleries featuring local artists
- Professional sports: CFL Football (Hamilton Tiger-Cats), AHL Hockey (Hamilton Bulldogs), ABA Basketball (Hamilton Rockstars) as well as minor league teams

#### Main Attractions:

- Art Gallery of Hamilton: [www.artgalleryofhamilton.com](http://www.artgalleryofhamilton.com)
- Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum: [www.warplane.com](http://www.warplane.com)
- HMCS Haida: [www.hmcshaida.ca](http://www.hmcshaida.ca)
- Dundurn Castle: [www.myhamilton.ca](http://www.myhamilton.ca)
- Royal Botanical Gardens: [www.rbg.ca](http://www.rbg.ca)
- Canadian Football Hall of Fame: [www.footballhof.com](http://www.footballhof.com)
- African Lion Safari: [www.lionsafari.com](http://www.lionsafari.com)
- McMaster University: [www.mcmaster.ca](http://www.mcmaster.ca)

**Libraries:** 20+ public library branches

**Shopping Malls:** 3 (Hamilton South, Hamilton City Centre, Centre Mall) including clothing and music stores plus fast food eateries + smaller shopping areas

**Movie Theatres:** 2 multiplex, 2 single screen

**Public Transit:** Public bus system; GO train/bus to Toronto

**Transit to school may include:** Public bus / School Bus / Walking

#### Average Temperatures: [ ° c ]

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High	-3	-2	3	11	18	23	26	25	21	14	7	0
Low	-10	-10	-5	1	7	12	15	14	10	4	-1	-7