



## Edmonton

Edmonton was originally Fort Edmonton, a fur trading outpost run by the Hudson's Bay Company in 1795. It is named after an area in London, England.

It started to grow when the railway arrived from Calgary in 1891. By 1905 it was chosen as the capital city of the new province of Alberta. At the time, about 9000 people lived in Edmonton.

Edmonton is known as the Gateway to the North. It is the most northern city in Canada with a large population. It was home to Canada's first airfield, where planes took supplies to the north.

The West Edmonton Mall, built in 1981, was once the biggest mall in the world. It is still the biggest mall in North America, but it is now only the 10th biggest in the world, with over 700 shops.

