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Yellowknife  
**COMMUNITY** PROFILE



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## Welcome to Yellowknife!




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Thank you for your interest in the City of Yellowknife, the Diamond Capital of North America™ and Capital City of the Northwest Territories. Yellowknife is a city of youth, energy, excitement and opportunity, with a fascinating and friendly mix of residents. While the character of our city may be its greatest drawing card, we enjoy a surprisingly diverse and cosmopolitan lifestyle, with all the amenities of much larger cities.

With a population of about 20,000, Yellowknife is the largest urban centre in the Northwest Territories and home to almost half the population. Built on gold, nurtured by government and growing with diamonds, Yellowknife boasts the highest household income per capita in Canada, and one of the lowest unemployment rates.

The abundance of minerals, oil and gas in the NWT has had dramatic economic impacts on Yellowknife. Since the discovery of diamonds in 1991, we have two operating diamond mines in the NWT, with a third expected to be operational by 2007. Yellowknife is home to cutting and polishing facilities, and it is the business service centre for diamond mine operations and development. In addition, plans for a mega pipeline project in the Mackenzie Valley are also moving forward.



Yellowknife offers unrivalled opportunities for investment, business development and employment. If there is any place that can say “we hold the future”, it must certainly be Yellowknife – Diamond Capital of North America™.

Gordon Van Tighem  
Mayor



# INTRODUCTION

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# HISTORY

Yellowknife, the capital of the Northwest Territories since 1967, is named after the Yellowknives Dene who moved into the area in the early 1800s. It lies within the traditional hunting area of the Dogrib Nation, who re-occupied the land following the decline of the Yellowknife Chipewyans in the 1820s.

In 1939, the Yellowknife Administration District was created with the first municipal government of the Mackenzie District being established the following year. By 1940, Yellowknife had a population of 1,000. Yellowknife became a Municipal District in the summer of 1953, at which time its first mayor was elected. In 1967, it was named as capital of the Northwest Territories, and on January 1, 1970, Yellowknife became the first city in the Northwest Territories.

The City of Yellowknife adopted a knife icon a few years ago to acknowledge gold mining as the city's foundation. The knife replicated a copper powder knife used in the mining industry. It was important for the dynamite suppliers to use a copper knife because opening the powder cases with a steel knife could cause sparks.

Gold was discovered in 1896 at Yellowknife Bay by miners on their way to the Klondike. There was no great staking rush at this time due to the inaccessibility of the vast territory. It was not until about 1930, with the discovery of pitchblende on Great Bear Lake, and the advent of aircraft travel in the north, that further development took place.

In 1934, visible gold was found on the shores of Yellowknife Bay, and by 1936, Yellowknife was a boom town. A number of companies, including Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company of Canada, began to sink shafts on the "Con", "Negus", and "Giant" claims during 1936 and 1937.

Development was halted soon after, and two of the six mines were closed in 1942. The primary reason for the drop in production was two-fold: one, gold was not a strategic resource during the war effort; and concurrently, there were fewer men to work the mines as they were needed for military service during World War II. By the fall of 1944, gold production in the area had ceased entirely.

A new rush began again at the end of the war when Giant Yellowknife Mine opened. By this time, the town became overcrowded as it grew out around the Bay in Old Town. A new town site was surveyed and construction of New Town began in 1947. By the end of that year, gold mines were once again in full-scale production. A significant factor which aided in the expansion of Yellowknife was the completion of a hydro-electric power station on Snare Lake in 1948. This facility did much to alleviate power shortages which had previously hindered operations in the area. Commercial gold production began in the Yellowknife district in December, 1938, and ceased with the closure of the last gold mine in the summer of 2004.

The discovery of diamonds at Point Lake, NWT, in 1991, created the largest staking rush in Canadian history. Canada's first diamond mine, Ekati, began production in 1998, and the second mine, Diavik started production in January, 2003. The Snap Lake diamond mine is scheduled to begin production in 2007, and the Gahcho Kué diamond mine is currently in development.

Another developing resource is the natural gas reserves in the Mackenzie Delta region. The proposed Mackenzie Valley Pipeline would connect these northern onshore gas fields to North American markets. The pipeline could potentially be in operation by 2010.



# City Crest

The City Crest was adopted by Council on June 27, 1956, following a municipally sponsored contest in the spring of that year.

A design by Ms. Netta Pringle was chosen from among five finalists as best representing the essential dynamics and character of Yellowknife, a community which would one day become the capital and largest centre of the Northwest Territories.

The Yellowknife Crest is symbolic of the mining industry, Great Slave Lake, the northern lights, fishing, the Yellowknife blade, the raven and the midnight sun.

The Latin phrase "MULTUM IN PARVO" translates to "Many things in a small place".



## Yellowknife, Diamond Capital of North America™ Logo

The City of Yellowknife officially registered the trademark Yellowknife - *Diamond Capital of North America™* in 1999 to establish itself throughout the national and international diamond industry. This logo has been incorporated into the downtown beautification program, and it is prominently displayed on street banners along Franklin Avenue and various locations around town, including the Yellowknife Airport. Local businesses and not-for-profit groups are invited to use this logo for marketing and promotion, and to share our vision as the *Diamond Capital of North America™*.

The “buildings” depict Yellowknife as the centre of commercial and resource development activity for the Northwest Territories. The “northern lights” are a symbol of the strength, uniqueness and brilliance of the greatest natural show on earth. Finally, the “diamond” represents the future prosperity of our city and our people.



### Official Languages of the Northwest Territories

English, French, Chipewyan, Cree, Dogrib, Gwich'in, Inuktitut, North Slavey and South Slavey are the Official Languages of the Northwest Territories.





## Meet Yellowknife Resident, Amelia Debogorski...



Dave Broshta Photography

Sixteen-year-old Amelia Debogorski is ambitious and idealistic. When she graduates from high school in another two years, she plans to become a paediatrician, and eventually work in other countries either for Doctors Without Borders or with the Canadian military. But even though she looks forward to travelling, she still loves the town where she was born and raised.

"I love how Yellowknife is a city with a small town personality. You see people stop their cars in the middle of the street, roll down their windows and chat. It's much more personal than a big city." Amelia's parents Louise and Alex Debogorski, believe that Yellowknife is a great place to raise children and they should know - Amelia is number 7 of eleven children born and raised here in YK!



# Government Structures

## Municipal Government

The Government of the Northwest Territories delegates powers to the municipality through legislative acts and regulations. The City of Yellowknife's Council is comprised of the Mayor and eight Councillors. Council meetings are held in the Council Chambers at City Hall on the second and fourth Monday of each month, and are open to the public. Municipal elections are held every three years. The last election was held in October, 2003. The next municipal election will be held on October 16, 2006.

**Mayor:** Gordon Van Tighem  
**Councillors:** Wendy Bisaro, Bob Brooks, Mark Heyck, Blake Lyons, David McCann, Kevin O'Reilly, Doug Witty, Alan Woytuik

## Territorial Government

The Northwest Territories is one of only two federal, provincial or territorial jurisdictions in Canada that operates under a consensus system of government, as opposed to the more familiar system of party politics. Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLAs) are elected as independents within their constituencies.

The Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories is located in Yellowknife, and is comprised of

19 MLAs. The MLAs elect the Speaker of the House as well as six Cabinet Ministers and the Premier, which comprises the Cabinet. In addition, a Commissioner is appointed by the Federal Government to fulfill a similar role to that of the Lieutenant Governor.

Territorial elections are held every four years, with the most recent election held in November, 2003. The next territorial election will be held in October, 2007.

**Premier:** Joseph (Joe) Handley

**Members of Cabinet:** Michael McLeod, Charles Dent, Floyd Roland, Brendan Bell, Michael Miltenberger, David Krutko

**Speaker of the House:** Paul Delorey **Commissioner:** Tony Whitford

## Federal Government

The Northwest Territories is in the federal electoral riding of the Western Arctic and has one Member of Parliament and one Senator.

**Member of Parliament:** Dennis Bevington **Senator:** Nick Sibbeston

### Members of the Legislative Assembly



### Topography

Rocky peninsula and island (Old Town and Latham Island) and a flat, sandy plain inland (New Town), in an area characterized by low rocky outcrops and stunted trees.

### Time Zone

Yellowknife is in the Mountain Time Zone.

# LOCATION

*The City of Yellowknife, which is part of the North Slave Region of the NWT, is located on the western shore of Yellowknife Bay, which is on the North Arm of Great Slave Lake. The lake is the fifth largest lake in North America, with an area of 28,750 square kilometres, and a maximum depth of 614 metres.*

- ▶ Location: 62°27N, 114°22W
- ▶ Elevation: 206 metres at the airport
- ▶ Area: 136 square km

## Getting Here by Road ▶ Connecting Routes

**Highway 1 – Mackenzie Highway** This highway, the longest in the Northwest Territories, starts at the NWT/Alberta border and continues, for approximately 690 kilometres, to the community of Wrigley. The first 188 kilometres are paved, as well as 60 kilometres from the junction of the Liard Highway to Fort Simpson. The remainder is gravel, with portions treated for dust control.

**Highway 2 – Hay River Highway** This highway, the NWT's shortest, connects the town of Hay River to Highway 1 at the community of Enterprise. The highway runs through Hay River, terminating on the southern shore of Great Slave Lake. Its total length is 48.6 kilometres, all of which are paved.

**Highway 3 – Yellowknife Highway** This highway connects to Highway 1 just south of the Mackenzie River ferry crossing and continues north, around Great Slave Lake, to Yellowknife. 329 km of this highway are paved. The remaining 12 km are being paved in the summer of 2006. This section is currently undergoing reconstruction.

**Highway 4 – Ingraham Trail** This highway extends 70 kilometres east from Yellowknife and travels through numerous parks, campgrounds, hiking trails and day use areas. The first 29 kilometres are paved. The remaining 41 kilometres are gravel and treated for dust control.

YELLOWKNIFE TO:	MILES	KM
Rae-Edzo, NT	67	108
Fort Providence, NT	195	314
Enterprise, NT	227	445
High Level, AB	483	778
Edmonton, AB	937	1508
Calgary, AB	1110	1789
Whitehorse, YT	1180	1899
Regina, SK	1358	2188
Vancouver, BC	1613	2595
Winnipeg, MB	1773	2853

YELLOWKNIFE TO:	MILES	KM
Salt Lake City, UT	2036	3277
Denver, CO	2391	3848
Toronto, ON	2824	4545
Chicago, IL	3078	4953
Dallas, TX	3150	5069
Quebec City, PQ	3200	5157
Fredericton, NB	3554	5728
Charlottetown, PE	3713	5984
Halifax, NS	3797	6119
St. John's, NF	4551	7335

## ► Getting Here by Air

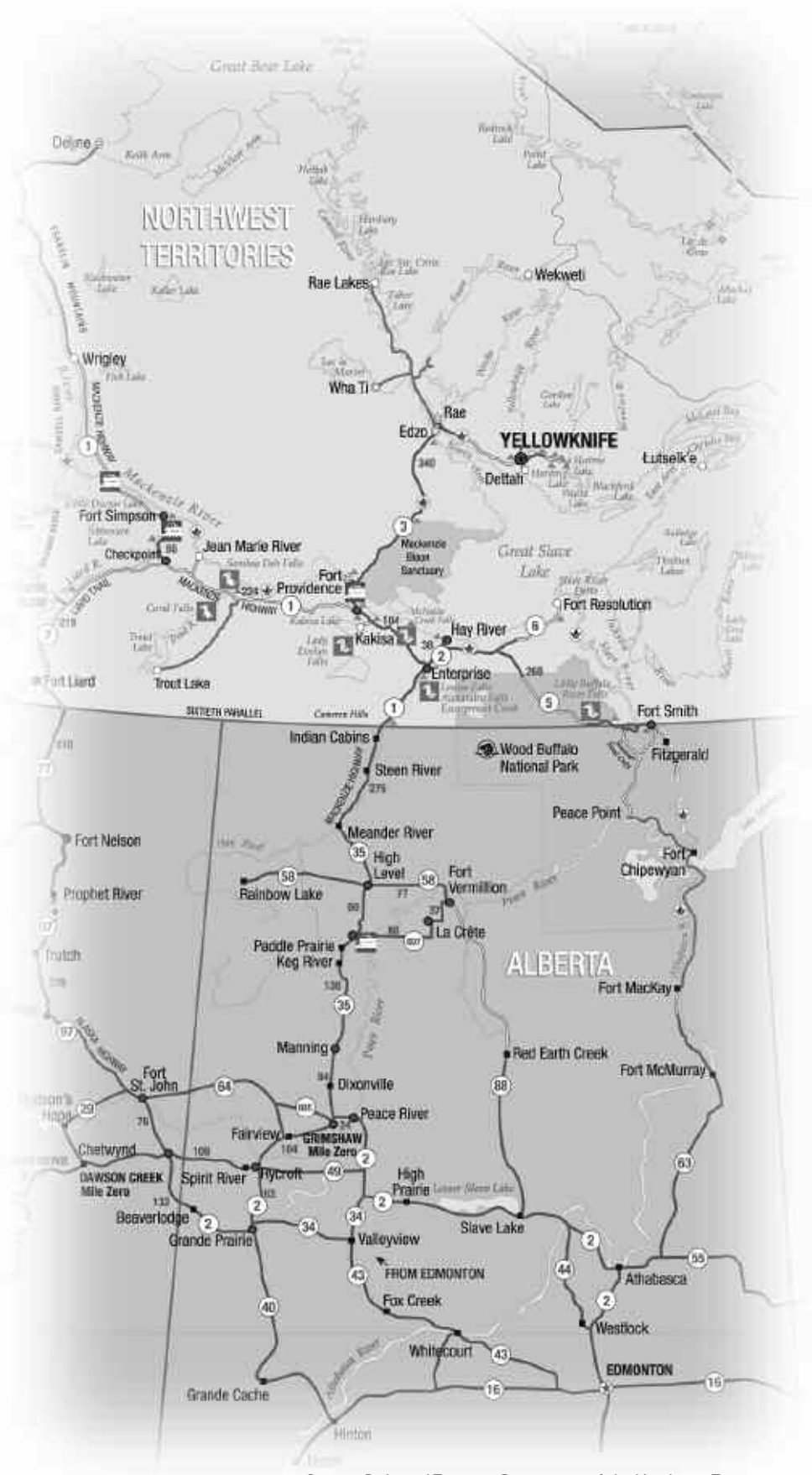
Yellowknife is approximately 960 air kilometres from Edmonton, Alberta, which is the closest large southern city. Passengers can fly from major cities across North America to Edmonton or Calgary, and connect with daily scheduled flights to Yellowknife. The flight from Edmonton to Yellowknife is about 1 hour and 30 minutes.

Two airlines, **First Air** and **Canadian North**, have several daily flights between Yellowknife and Edmonton or Calgary. Scheduled service is also available from Whitehorse, Yukon, to Yellowknife; Ottawa via Iqaluit (Nunavut) to Yellowknife; or Winnipeg (Manitoba) to Rankin Inlet (Nunavut) to Yellowknife. In July, 2006, a third airline, **Air Canada Jazz**, will begin daily non-stop flights to Yellowknife from Edmonton and Calgary. Northwestern Air Lease also flies to Yellowknife from Grande Prairie and Edmonton.

## ► Getting Here by Bus

Greyhound has scheduled service from Edmonton to Hay River. Frontier Coachlines transports passengers from Hay River to Yellowknife.

For schedules and fees, contact Frontier Coachlines at (867) 873-4892.



Source: Parks and Tourism, Government of the Northwest Territories



Meet Yellowknife Resident, Brad Heath...



Dave Broscha Photography

After spending three years working as a reporter/editor for the *yellowknifer*, Brad Heath returned to his native Ontario. In just five weeks, he was back in Yellowknife. "I missed the North's unspoiled wilderness. In the NWT, I can canoe on any of hundreds of pristine lakes and rivers and actually dip a cup over the side and drink when I'm thirsty. There are so many things to like about Yellowknife: really great people, first-class facilities and dozens, if not hundreds, of volunteer organizations." Today, Brad works at the NWT Literacy Council, and as a freelance writer/photographer.



# CLIMATE

The average annual total precipitation in Yellowknife consists of 15 centimetres (rainfall) and 135 centimetres (snowfall). The winters are long, with the coldest temperatures occurring in January. The warmest temperatures are recorded in July, with an average in the low 20°C. However, temperatures occasionally reach the 30°C range during the month.

## Weather Facts

When it comes to weather, Yellowknife ranked number one in several categories of Environment Canada's Weather Winners in 2003. Those categories include:

- ▶ Coldest winter
- ▶ Coldest spring
- ▶ Coldest year-round
- ▶ Most cold days (-20°C or less)
- ▶ Most hot and cold days
- ▶ Longest snow cover season (days)
- ▶ Most deep snow cover days (10 cm or more)
- ▶ Sunniest summer
- ▶ Sunniest spring
- ▶ Most heating degree days
- ▶ Extreme windchill
- ▶ Most high windchill days (-30°C or less)
- ▶ Driest winter air

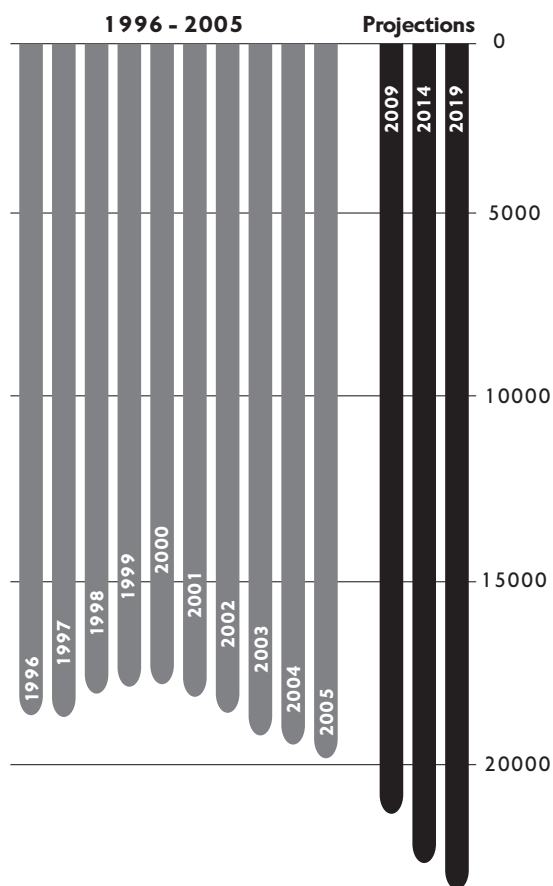
<b>AVERAGE TEMPERATURES</b>	<b>HIGH</b>	<b>LOW</b>
January	-25°C	-35°C
February	-20°C	-29°C
March	-11°C	-23°C
April	0°C	-11°C
May	10°C	0°C
June	18°C	8°C
July	21°C	12°C
August	18°C	10°C
September	10°C	4°C
October	1°C	-4°C
November	-11°C	-19°C
December	-20°C	-28°C

Source: Environment Canada



# POPULATION

The City of Yellowknife is home to 19,429 people, which comprises approximately 45% of the territory's entire population. The city's population was estimated at 17,415 in 2000, but it has steadily increased since that time. The increase is attributed to growth in the non-renewable resource sector, particularly diamond mining operations and oil and gas exploration and development. Yellowknife's population is expected to be 22,996 in 2019.



## POPULATION – 2005

Selected Statistics	Yellowknife	NWT
Total Selected Statistics	19,429	42,982
Males	9,793	22,093
Females	9,636	20,889
0-4 years	1,500	3,342
5-9 years	1,464	3,507
10-14 years	1,511	3,677
15-24 years	3,125	6,982
25-44 years	7,059	14,540
45-59 years	3,788	7,708
60 years and older	982	3,226
Aboriginal	4,334	21,413
Non-Aboriginal	15,095	21,569

Source: Yellowknife Profile, NWT Bureau of Statistics

## POPULATION – 1996 TO 2005

	Yellowknife	NWT
1996	18,258	41,748
1997	18,306	41,635
1998	17,671	40,816
1999	17,483	40,654
2000	17,415	40,499
2001	17,758	40,822
2002	18,193	41,434
2003	18,808	42,206
2004	19,056	42,810
2005	19,429	42,982

Source: Yellowknife Profile, NWT Bureau of Statistics

## POPULATION PROJECTIONS

	Yellowknife	NWT
2009	20,939	45,903
2014	22,278	47,823
2019	22,996	49,149

Source: Yellowknife Profile, NWT Bureau of Statistics

# HOUSEHOLD

*In 2001, two-person households in Yellowknife were the most common household size at 28.8%. Overall, almost half of all households had only one or two occupants.*

## AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURES - 2003

	Average Expenditure/ Household	Households Reporting Expenditures
Total expenditures	\$90,139	100%
Total current consumption	\$64,293	100%
Food	\$8,817	100%
Shelter	\$19,051	100%
Household operation	\$3,880	100%
Household furnishings and equipment	\$2,586	96.3%
Clothing	\$3,720	100%
Transportation	\$11,307	98.1%
Health Care	\$1,396	95.9%
Personal Care	\$1,267	100%
Recreation	\$ 6,912	100%
Reading materials and other printed matter	\$435	92.3%
Education	\$869	55.9%
Tobacco products and alcoholic beverages	\$2,578	82.3%
Games of chance (net)	\$272	67.9%
Personal income taxes	\$18,073	96.8%
Personal insurance payments and pension contributions	\$5,500	95.2%
Gifts of money and contributions	\$2,272	79.5%

Source: Statistics Canada

### PRIVATE HOUSEHOLDS - 2001

By Size	%	Actual
Total Households	100.0	5,795
One Persons	19.8	1,150
Two Persons	28.8	1,670
Three Persons	19.2	1,110
Four Persons	19.7	1,140
Five Person	8.3	480
Six or More Persons	4.2	245

### PRIVATE HOUSEHOLDS - 2001

By Tenure Type	%	Actual
Total Households	100.0	5,795
Owned	53.9	3,125
Rented	45.8	2,655
Band Housing	0.2	10

Source: City of Yellowknife 2004 General Plan Background Report, Statistics Canada – 2001 Census





# INCOME

Average annual and family incomes have increased the last several years in Yellowknife and across the territory. Higher increases occurred during the period from 1998 to 2002, which is linked to the construction and subsequent operations of diamond mines, and expanded oil and gas exploration activity in the NWT.

The minimum wage rate in the NWT is \$8.25, which is the second highest in the country.

## AVERAGE INCOME

	Yellowknife	NWT
1995	\$41,110	\$33,989
1996	\$40,700	\$33,693
1997	\$41,005	\$33,666
1998	\$41,825	\$34,378
1999	\$42,455	\$35,650
2000	\$42,993	\$36,220
2001	\$45,975	\$39,186
2002	\$50,038	\$42,047
2003	\$50,345	\$42,572
2004	\$52,061	\$44,080

Source: Yellowknife Profile,  
NWT Bureau of Statistics

## AVERAGE FAMILY INCOME

	Yellowknife	NWT
1995	\$83,830	\$66,150
1996	\$81,952	\$65,506
1997	\$83,078	\$66,367
1998	\$86,445	\$68,948
1999	\$86,737	\$70,463
2000	\$88,295	\$71,864
2001	\$97,377	\$80,225
2002	\$106,953	\$87,143
2003	\$107,534	\$88,244
2004	\$111,665	\$91,362

Source: Yellowknife Profile,  
NWT Bureau of Statistics

## Minimum Wage Rates

Province/Territory	Federal Rate
Alberta	\$7.00
British Columbia	\$8.00
Manitoba	\$7.25
New Brunswick	\$6.50
Newfoundland	\$6.50
Northwest Territories	\$8.25
Nova Scotia	\$6.80
Nunavut	\$8.50
Ontario	\$7.75
Prince Edward Island	\$6.80
Quebec	\$7.60
Saskatchewan	\$7.55
Yukon	\$7.20

Source: Canada/NWT Business Service Centre

# TAXES

## Municipal Property Taxes

The City of Yellowknife raises 50% of its operating revenue through property taxation. Yellowknife School Districts also raise a portion of their operating revenue through property taxation. Property taxes are used to provide services and programs which include: community services, economic development, community group special grants, public works and transportation. Property taxes are calculated through property assessment and the municipal and education mill rates.

## Mill Rate

(Mill rates are approved by Council in June of each year.)

One 'mill' represents \$ 1 of tax for every \$ 1,000 of assessment. The mill rate formula applied to calculate property taxes in Yellowknife is:

$$(\text{Assessment}/1,000) \times \text{Mill Rate} = \text{Property Taxes}$$

## 2005 MILL RATES

	Total	Education	Municipal
Residential	13.84	5.63	8.21
Commercial	19.89	5.63	14.26

Source: City of Yellowknife

## Property Tax Relief Programs

Senior citizens and disabled persons can qualify for up to a \$2,000 rebate on an annual basis. For more information, please call 920-5600 or visit City Hall.

## INCOME TAX RATES - 2005

Territorial Tax Rate	PLUS	Federal Tax Rate
5.9% on the first \$34,555 of taxable income	+	15% on the first \$36,378 of taxable income
8.6% on the next \$34,555 of taxable income	+	22% on the next \$36,378 of taxable income
12.2% on the next \$43,248 of taxable income	+	26% on the next \$44,529 of taxable income
14.05% on the amount over \$112,358	+	29% on taxable income over \$118,285

Source: Canada Revenue Agency

## Tax Rates – Northwest Territories

	NWT	National Average <sup>b</sup>
Combined Top Marginal (PIT) % <sup>a</sup>	43.05%	45.75%
Retail Sales Taxes (%)	NONE	6.9
<b>Fuel Tax<sup>d</sup></b>		
Gas (litre)¢	10.70¢	14.2¢
Diesel (litre)¢	9.10¢	14.4¢
<b>Tobacco Tax<sup>e</sup></b>		
Cigarettes (\$/Carton)	\$42	\$26.52
<b>Payroll Tax %<sup>f</sup></b>	2%	1.87%
<b>Corporate Income Tax<sup>g</sup></b>		
Small	4.0%	5.7%
Large	14.0% <sup>h</sup>	12.7%

Source: Government of the Northwest Territories

- (a) Effective personal income tax rates for the 2006 tax year.
- (b) Average of all provincial and territorial rates, weighted by population.
- (c) 45.75% is the weighted average of the combined federal-provincial/territorial top marginal tax rate.
- (d) Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland apply sales tax to fuel.
- (e) Saskatchewan, Manitoba, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Newfoundland apply sales tax to tobacco products.
- (f) The NWT and Nunavut Payroll Taxes are levied on employees. For all the other provinces that levy payroll tax, there are exemptions for small business and/or the rates vary depending on the size of the payroll.
- (g) The 4.0% NWT small corporate rate applies to the first \$300,000 of active business income earned by Canadian controlled private corporations. The NWT large corporate rate applies to all foreign controlled companies, any company listed on a stock exchange and any income over \$300,000 earned by Canadian controlled private corporations.
- (h) The 2006-07 NWT Budget Address announced a decrease in the large corporate rate to 11.5% effective July 1, 2006.



Meet Yellowknife Resident, Gayla Meredith...



Dave Broscha Photography

When she arrived as a student teacher in 1993, Gayla Meredith was struck by the welcoming nature of the people of Yellowknife. "It is the people who make Yellowknife unique. Yellowknife is small enough to be warm and friendly, and large enough to offer a world of opportunity. Here, home, school and community work together to make a difference in the lives of children. The educational opportunities and experiences available to students are incredible. Yellowknife is Canada's best-kept secret!" Gayla teaches in the Yellowknife public school system and is the author of *Canada's Northern Diamonds... from rocks to riches.*



# ECONOMY

## General Overview

*Yellowknife is the territorial centre for mining, industry, transportation, communications, education, health, tourism, commerce and government.*

*Historical economic growth of Yellowknife is rooted largely in gold mining and government. However, in 1997 and 1998, the economy of Yellowknife was impacted by the NWT government downsizing of personnel due to territorial division in 1999, and weak commodity prices, particularly that of gold. The last two gold mines in Yellowknife, Con and Giant, shut down operations in November of 2003 and July of 2004.*

*The economies of Yellowknife and the NWT have recovered significantly in the last number of years due to the growth and expansion in the non-renewable resource sector, particularly in the diamond mining and natural gas development and exploration sectors.*

*Economic growth in the Northwest Territories was 10.6%, compared to the overall growth rate of 1.7% for the entire country in 2003. The majority of the GDP growth in the NWT resulted from non-renewable resource sector activity.*

## Major Employers

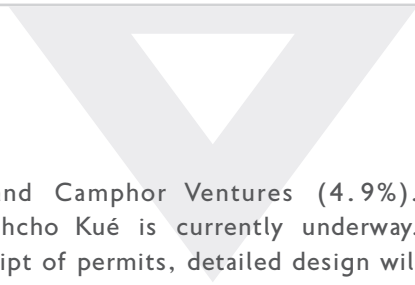
- ▶ Government of the Northwest Territories
- ▶ Government of Canada
- ▶ BHP Billiton Diamonds
- ▶ Diavik Diamond Mines Incorporated
- ▶ Public School Board
- ▶ First Air
- ▶ NorthwesTel
- ▶ Separate School Board
- ▶ RTL Robinson Trucking
- ▶ City of Yellowknife
- ▶ Air Tindi

## REAL GDP GROWTH, CANADA, PROVINCES & TERRITORIES 2004

Location	Growth %
Canada	2.9%
<b>Northwest Territories</b>	<b>5.2%</b>
Nunavut	0.5%
Yukon	3.5%
British Columbia	4.0%
Alberta	4.3%
Saskatchewan	3.4%
Manitoba	2.3%
Ontario	2.7%
Quebec	2.3%
New Brunswick	2.0%
Nova Scotia	1.4%
Prince Edward Island	1.8%
Newfoundland	-1.4%

Source: Statistics Canada





The NWT now has two operating diamond mines, and two more are currently in development. The mines are located about 250 kilometres northeast of Yellowknife, in the Lac de Gras region.

The **Ekati Mine**, which is owned by BHP Billiton Diamond Inc., was the first diamond mine in the NWT and Canada. Production began at the mine in 1998. Ekati has approximately 800 employees, and the life of the mine is estimated at 20 years.

**Diavik Diamond Mine**, a joint venture between Rio Tinto and Aber Diamond Mines Ltd., began production in 2003. Diavik employs about 700 people, and the mine life is estimated at 16 to 20 years.

The **Snap Lake Diamond Project**, which is owned by De Beers, will be the NWT's third diamond mine. The project will be the first entirely underground diamond mine in the country. The mine is currently under construction, and production is expected to begin in 2007. The mine is expected to employ about 450 during the construction phase and 550 people during operations. When production begins at the Snap Lake mine, it is estimated the three diamond mines' total value of diamond production will be 12% of the world's total diamond production.

In November 2005, De Beers Canada applied for permits to construct and operate the **Gahcho Kué Diamond Mine** on the property formerly known as Kennedy Lake. Gahcho Kué is a joint venture project between De Beers Canada Inc. (51%), Mountain

Province Diamonds (44.1%) and Camphor Ventures (4.9%). Environmental assessment of Gahcho Kué is currently underway. De Beers anticipates that, on receipt of permits, detailed design will begin in 2008, construction will start in 2010 and the mine will be at full production by 2012. The mine is expected to employ 400 people at full production and to produce 3 million carats a year.

Though not in the NWT, Nunavut's **Jericho Diamond Project**, owned by the Tahera Diamond Corporation, is approximately 400 km from Yellowknife. Tahera has an exploration alliance with De Beers and a diamond marketing alliance with Tiffany's & Co. The mine is expected to produce 4.7 million carats over the life of the mine.

#### **Mackenzie Valley Pipeline**

Plans for a Mackenzie Valley natural gas pipeline are also moving forward. As part of the ongoing regulatory process, Joint Review Panel hearings are being held to listen to the public as well as formal intervenors about the possible impacts of the proposed pipeline. The Joint Review Panel process will ensure that the pipeline receives a thorough environmental assessment.

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## *Major Conferences, Events & Festivals*

- ▶ Prospects North
- ▶ Northern Research Forum
- ▶ Geoscience Forum
- ▶ Folk on the Rocks
- ▶ Super Soccer
- ▶ Caribou Carnival
- ▶ Canadian Championship Dog Derby
- ▶ NWT Tourism Annual General Meeting
- ▶ Summer Solstice Festival/Funkfest
- ▶ National Aboriginal Day
- ▶ Float Plane Fly-In
- ▶ NWT Mining Week
- ▶ Midnight Golf Classic
- ▶ Commissioner's Cup
- ▶ YK International Air Show
- ▶ RCMP Musical Ride
- ▶ Northern Information and Technology Conference and Expo
- ▶ Battle on the Barrens
- ▶ Stuart McLean's Vinyl Café
- ▶ Raven Mad Daze
- ▶ Northern Skies
- ▶ Yellowknife Arts Festival
- ▶ Yellowknife Aurora Festival



The cost of constructing the proposed pipeline is estimated at \$7 billion. As many as 1.2 billion cubic feet of natural gas per day could be moved through the pipeline. The project will have a significant economic impact on the NWT, both in terms of the construction phase and further spin-offs associated with added energy exploration. The pipeline would be the largest industrial project in the history of the territory.

**Manufacturing**

Manufacturing is a small but growing industry in the NWT. Yellowknife has taken advantage of value-added opportunities resulting from diamond mining operations. The city is home to diamond cutting and polishing facilities: Polar Bear Diamonds, Arslanian Cutting Works NWT Ltd., and Laurelton Diamonds.

**Tourism**

Tourism is the largest sector of renewable-based industries in the NWT, and the majority of visitors to the territory touch down in Yellowknife. The local tourism industry has recovered significantly since SARS and the terrorist activities of September 11, 2001.

Tourism pumps more money into the territorial economy than combined sales of agriculture, forestry, fishing, and trapping. In 2004-05, visitors to the territory spent \$100.5 million.

Yellowknife is also becoming a key conference and meeting destination. The city has the facilities, catering, fine dining, accommodation, event planners, tourist attractions, and technological capabilities to host large and small events. In March, 2008,

Yellowknife will host the 20th Arctic Winter Games. The event is expected to draw approximately 2000 participants and as many as 1500 spectators to the city.

**Trades and Services**

This sector has experienced growth the last few years in Yellowknife and across the NWT, mainly due to non-renewable resource activity and higher personal incomes.

In terms of retail services, Yellowknife has four malls, the largest of which accommodates approximately 30 retailers, includ-

ing: restaurants, travel agency, news stand, galleries, clothing stores and specialty shops. The city also has a variety of national chain stores and a number of local shops to meet the shopping needs of its residents and visitors. The city also offers a wide selection of restaurants – family dining, fast food, fine dining, ethnic food, and northern specialties.

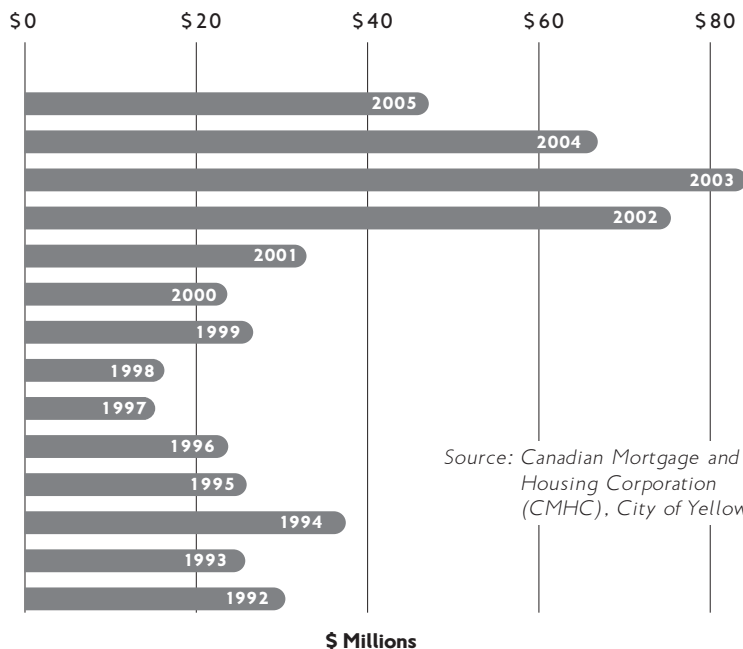
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**Building and Construction Activity**

Yellowknife experienced a construction boom in the last few years as a result of non-renewable resource activity, particularly in the diamond mining industry and oil and gas development. An increase in the city’s population has also led to an increased demand for housing.

The 2005 construction value, which includes both residential and commercial, was approximately \$47 million. In 2004 and 2003, construction values exceeded \$67 million and \$84 million respectively, and in 2002, they were \$75.5 million.

**CONSTRUCTION VALUES**



Source: Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC), City of Yellowknife



# Building Inspections Permit Report

The building inspection permits reflect the annual construction activity, both residentially and commercially, in Yellowknife. For more information, contact:

**Department of Public Safety & Development**

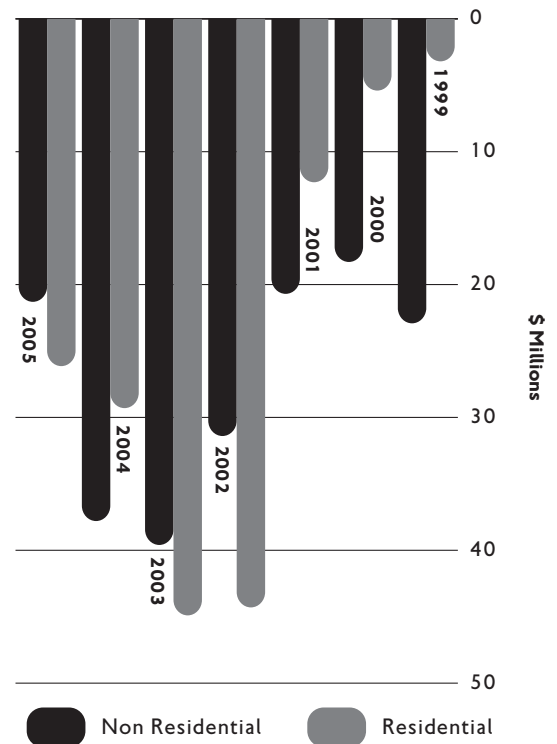
Phone: (867) 920-5688 Fax: (867) 920-5649

Website: [www.yellowknife.ca](http://www.yellowknife.ca)

	Year to Date December 2005			Year to Date December 2004		
	Permits	Fees	Value	Permits	Fees	Value
<b>RESIDENTIAL</b>						
Stick Frame	24	23,501	4,550,600	18	21,679	4,861,900
Multi-Family	4	9,164	13,554,064	4	65,918	9,932,353
Manufactured Homes	28	20,872	3,831,617	39	27,922	6,278,550
Accessory Buildings	38	5,059	657,400	21	3,153	514,375
Alterations	236	15,581	1,453,034	43	6,157	745,432
Additions	28	6,843	1,169,650	40	11,423	2,301,850
Decks	7	1,238	487,100	29	3,057	442,000
Foundations	2	204	1,400	6	1,962	266,800
Temporary Buildings	n/a	n/a	n/a	1	137	16,000
Other	16	2,566	322,950	13	847	67,975
Mechanical	n/a	n/a	n/a	420	48,753	3,895,729
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>383</b>	<b>85,028</b>	<b>26,027,815</b>	<b>634</b>	<b>191,008</b>	<b>29,322,964</b>
	Permits	Fees	Value	Permits	Fees	Value
<b>COMMERCIAL</b>						
New Building	26	40,547	9,865,020	18	112,382	17,007,486
Accessory Buildings	5	1,558	175,000	2	385	52,000
Alterations	99	45,227	6,270,541	38	49,550	7,451,867
Additions	6	26,886	3,979,000	10	49,269	7,530,696
Temporary Buildings	5	542	41,400	1	58	400
Foundations	3	3,585	790,403	4	7,878	1,163,000
Other	12	1,777	163,900	19	3,208	392,213
Mechanical	n/a	n/a	n/a	88	31,232	4,163,443
<b>Total</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>120,122</b>	<b>21,285,264</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>253,962</b>	<b>37,761,105</b>
File Information Requests	42	1,373	n/a	68	2,037	0
<b>Total Permits</b>	<b>581</b>	<b>206,523</b>	<b>47,313,079</b>	<b>882</b>	<b>447,007</b>	<b>67,084,069</b>

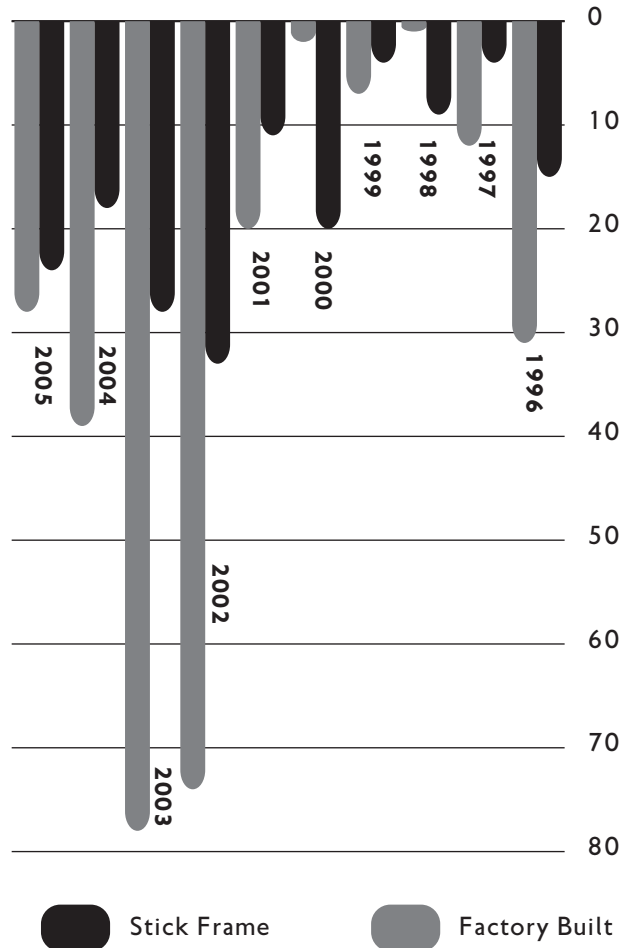
Source: City of Yellowknife

## BUILDING PERMITS BY TYPE 1999-2005



Source: CMHC, City of Yellowknife

## RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT PERMITS ISSUED (SINGLE-FAMILY)



Source: CMHC, City of Yellowknife

## New Home Market

Housing starts decreased more than 50% to 53 units in 2005 compared to 169 units in 2004 and 357 units in 2003. Single-detached housing, which includes both stick-built and modular, decreased to 49 units in 2004. However, modular homes continue to gain in popularity as a more affordable option compared to stick built.

Year	Total Starts	Single Starts	Multiple Starts (Units)
1999	15	15	0
2000	24	21	3
2001	93	24	69
2002	265	93	172
2003	357	104	253
% Change	34.7%	11.8%	47.1%
2004	169	63	106
% Change	-52.7%	-39.4%	-58.1%
2005	59	49	10
% Change	-65.0%	-22.2%	-90.5%

Source: CMHC \*MLS® and Private Sales

## Resale Home Market

The resale home market in Yellowknife increased by 6.3% to 487 units in 2004, compared to 458 units in 2003. This increase was linked to a strong economy and lower mortgage rates. At the time of publication, the number of units in the 2005 resale home market was not available, but the demand for housing continues to be strong in 2005. The average residential resale price in 2004 was \$230,670, compared to \$205,810 in 2003. In 2005, the average residential resale price was \$225,226.

Year	Residential Sales*	Resale Price*
1999	547	\$150,200
2000	362	\$156,200
2001	444	\$161,900
2002	440	\$182,600
2003	458	\$205,810
% Change	4.1%	12.7%
2004	487	\$230,670
% Change	6.3%	12.1%
2005	not available	\$225,226
% Change	not available	10.65%

Source: CMHC \*MLS® and Private Sales





# Apartment Vacancy Rates and Rent

According to CMHC's annual Rental Market Survey, the apartment vacancy rate in Yellowknife increased from 3% in October, 2004 to 3.3% in October, 2005. This trend is attributed to new construction that raised the supply of new apartments and row (townhouse) rental units, as well as an increased number of renters becoming home owners due to low mortgage rates and high rental costs.

## Major Real Estate Contacts

### Century 21 Home and Investment Centre:

Phone: (867) 920-4498

Fax: (867) 920-2871

E-mail: century@ssimicro.com

Website: www.ykhomes.com

### Coldwell Banker/ Northern Bestsellers:

Phone: (867) 669-2100

Fax: (867) 669-2108

E-mail: coldwellbanker@cb.yk.com

Website: www.cb.yk.com

### HomeLife Sunrise Real Estate:

Phone: (867) 920-7653

Fax: (867) 920-4100

E-mail: sunrise@homelife.com

Website: www.homelife.com

### Yellowknife Real Estate Board:

Phone: (867) 920-4624

Fax: (867) 873-6387

Website: www.ykhomes.com

For a complete listing of Property Management and Services Companies in Yellowknife, please contact the City of Yellowknife online business directory at: [www.yellowknife.ca](http://www.yellowknife.ca)

## APARTMENT VACANCY RATES 2002-2005

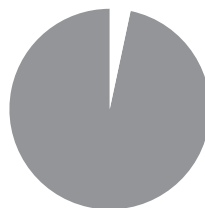
	2002	2003	2004	2005
Bachelor	0.0	1.8	9.1	3.6
1 Bedroom	0.6	2.0	4.4	3.6
2 Bedroom	0.0	1.6	1.8	2.4
3 Bedroom +	0.0	1.1	1.0	6.4
Weighted Average	0.3	1.7	3.0	3.3

Source: CMHC

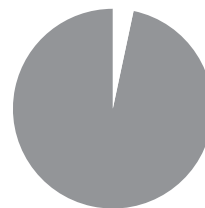
## APARTMENT UNITS 2005

	Vacant	Occupied	Total
Bachelor	2	54	56
Bedroom	26	697	723
Bedroom	21	861	882
3 Bedroom +	13	190	203
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>1,802</b>	<b>1,864</b>

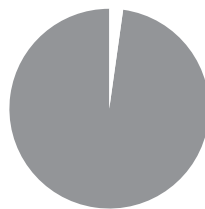
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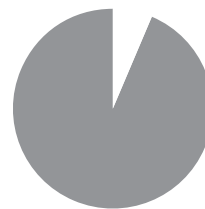
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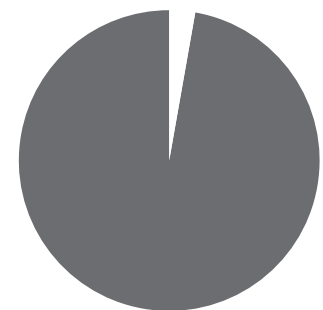
1 BEDROOM



2 BEDROOM



3 BEDROOM+



TOTAL

## AVERAGE APARTMENT RENTS 2002-2005

	2002	2003	2004	2005
Bachelor	\$807	\$821	\$816	\$840
1 Bedroom	\$1,000	\$1,047	\$1,060	\$1,069
2 Bedroom	\$1,119	\$1,266	\$1,282	\$1,302
3 Bedroom +	\$1,338	\$1,390	\$1,370	\$1,406
<b>Weighted Average</b>	<b>\$1,085</b>	<b>\$1,175</b>	<b>\$1,188</b>	<b>\$1,208</b>

Source: CMHC

# Business Contacts

## **Business Development Bank of Canada**

Phone: (867) 873-3565  
Fax: (867) 873-3501  
Website: [www.bdc.ca](http://www.bdc.ca)

## **NWT Chamber of Commerce**

Phone: (867) 920-9505  
Fax: (867) 873-4174  
Website: [www.nwtchamber.com](http://www.nwtchamber.com)

## **Yellowknife Chamber of Commerce**

Phone: (867) 920-4944  
Fax: (867) 920-4640  
Website: [www.ykchamber.com](http://www.ykchamber.com)

## **Canada/NWT Business Service Centre**

Phone: (867) 873-7958  
Toll Free: 1-800-661-0599  
Fax: (867) 873-0101  
Website: [www.cbosc.org](http://www.cbosc.org)

## **Industry, Tourism & Investment**

Phone: (867) 873-7361  
Fax: (867) 873-0101  
Website: [www.iti.gov.nt.ca](http://www.iti.gov.nt.ca)

## **NWT Business Development and Investment Corporation**

Phone: (867) 920-6455  
Fax: (867) 765-0652  
Website:  
[www.iti.gov.nt.ca/main/bdic.htm](http://www.iti.gov.nt.ca/main/bdic.htm)

## **City of Yellowknife Department of Economic Development**

Phone: (867) 669-3422  
Fax: (867) 920-5649  
Website: [www.yellowknife.ca](http://www.yellowknife.ca)  
E-mail: [ed@yellowknife.ca](mailto:ed@yellowknife.ca)

## **NWT & Nunavut Chamber of Mines**

Phone: (867) 873-5281  
Fax: (867) 920-2145  
Website: [www.miningnorth.com](http://www.miningnorth.com)  
E-mail: [nwtmines@ssimicro.com](mailto:nwtmines@ssimicro.com)

## **NWT Construction Association**

Phone: (867) 873-3949  
Fax: (867) 873-8366  
E-mail: [nwtca@theedge.ca](mailto:nwtca@theedge.ca)

## **Akaiicho Business Development Corporation**

Phone: (867) 920-2502  
Fax: (867) 920-0363  
E-mail: [rstarnau@ssimicro.com](mailto:rstarnau@ssimicro.com)

## **Conseil de developpement economique des TNO**

**Phone: (867) 873-5962**  
Fax: (867) 873-5963  
E-mail: [cdetno@franco-nord.com](mailto:cdetno@franco-nord.com)  
Website: [www.cdetno.com](http://www.cdetno.com)

## *Business Licenses*

Businesses operating in the City of Yellowknife must apply for a business license from the City of Yellowknife. For more information or to apply for a business license, please contact:

### **Department of Public Safety and Development**

Phone: (867) 920-5688 Fax: (867) 920-5649  
E-mail: [inspections@yellowknife.ca](mailto:inspections@yellowknife.ca) Website: [www.yellowknife.ca](http://www.yellowknife.ca)

### **NEW LICENSES**

#### **▶ 2003**

332 Combined\*\*  
116 Commercial  
173 Home  
31 Non-resident

#### **▶ 2004**

267 Combined\*\*  
97 Commercial  
151 Home  
16 Non-resident

#### **▶ 2005**

205 Combined\*\*  
82 Commercial  
99 Home  
24 Non-resident

*\*\*Total includes home, commercial, complimentary, peddler.*



# Financial Services

## Chartered Banks

There are five major banks in Yellowknife that offer a full range of personal and business banking, investment and financial services. All branches have automated banking machines. There are also a number of independently-owned ATM machines throughout the city.

For more information on products and services available, please contact:

### **Bank of Montreal**

Phone: (867) 873-2766

Fax: (867) 873-6621

Website: [www.bmo.com](http://www.bmo.com)

### **CIBC**

Phone: (867) 873-4452

Fax: (867) 873-4730

Website: [www.cibc.com](http://www.cibc.com)

### **Royal Bank of Canada**

Phone: (867) 873-5961

Fax: (867) 873-5488

Website: [www.rbc.com](http://www.rbc.com)

### **Scotiabank**

Phone: (867) 669-6000

Fax: (867) 669-6049

Website:

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

### **TD Canada Trust**

Phone: (867) 873-5891

Fax: (867) 873-3687

Website:

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

In addition to the banks, a number of private companies provide financial planning, investment and insurance services. Please visit the City of Yellowknife Business Directory at [www.yellowknife.ca](http://www.yellowknife.ca)

## **BUSINESS ASSOCIATIONS AND SOCIETIES**

For a current list of business associations and societies, please contact the Department of Justice, Government of the NWT.

### **Societies Registrar**

#### **Department of Justice**

Phone: (867) 873-7493

Fax: (867) 873-0243

Website: [www.justice.gov.nt.ca](http://www.justice.gov.nt.ca)

To register business names and partnerships, contact (867) 873-7492.

# Labour Force

Labour market conditions have remained strong the last few years due to the boom in the non-renewable resource sector. In 2005, the unemployment rate was 3.1 in Yellowknife, compared to 5.4 for the NWT.

## LABOUR FORCE ACTIVITY - 2005

### Selected Employment Rates

	Yellowknife	NWT
Males	86.7%	73.8%
Females	77.3%	70.7%
Aboriginal	69.2%	55.1%
Non-Aboriginal	84.7%	83.4%
15 - 24	64.5%	51.5%
25 - 29	84.2%	78.8%
30 - 34	94.4%	87.5%
35 - 44	86.8%	82.4%
45 - 54	93.3%	90.3%
55 - 59	100.0%	83.3%
60 - 64	60.0%	58.3%
65 & Older	0.0%	21.1%

Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada

## UNEMPLOYMENT RATE 1986-2005

	Yellowknife	NWT
1986	5.1	11.2
1989	4.4	13.2
1991	5.1	11.3
1994	6.8	14.8
1996	6.4	11.7
1999	7.9	13.7
2001	5.0	9.5
2004	5.0	10.4
2005	3.1	5.4

Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada

## Employment Information

Human Resources and Skills Development Canada delivers the Employment Insurance and Social Insurance Number programs, and a variety employment-related programs and services. For more information, contact:

### Human Resources and Skill Development Canada

Phone: (867) 766-5100

Fax: (867) 920-7769

Website: [www.hrsdc.gc.ca/en/home.html](http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca/en/home.html)

The Northern Career Resource Centre provides employment assistance and related resources. For more information, contact:

### The Northern Career Resource Centre

Phone: (867) 873-8790

Fax: (867) 873-8792

Website: [www.genesisgroup.ca](http://www.genesisgroup.ca)

## JOB LINKS

- ▶ [www.jobsnorth.ca](http://www.jobsnorth.ca)
- ▶ [www.workboot.ca](http://www.workboot.ca)
- ▶ [www.nnsl.com](http://www.nnsl.com)
- ▶ [www.gov.nt.ca](http://www.gov.nt.ca)
- ▶ [www.jobs.gc.ca](http://www.jobs.gc.ca)

Meet Yellowknife Resident, Tom Hoefer...



Dave Broshta Photography

Tom Hoefer was the Yellowknife New Year's baby in 1953, and grew up in the City. He's left at various times to attend university and work in the resource industry in other parts of Canada, but has always come back, and now works in management at Diavik Diamond Mine. "I always missed the small-town atmosphere, the freedom of the wilderness and the tremendous opportunities. There's always something happening in Yellowknife and the North. I like the excitement of being a globally-important diamond producer, the clear, crisp lakes, the fresh water you can drink straight from the lakes, the abundant wildlife, and, of course, the friendly people."



# HEALTH

## Hospital

Stanton Territorial Hospital, which is located in Yellowknife, is a 121-bed unit, run by the Stanton Territorial Health Authority. It is the main health-care facility for approximately 45,000 residents in the Northwest Territories and the Western Region of Nunavut.

## Stanton Territorial Health Authority

550 Byrne Road  
P. O. Box 10  
Yellowknife, NT X1A 2N1  
Phone: (867) 669-4111  
Fax: (867) 669-4128  
Website: [www.srhb.org](http://www.srhb.org)

## The following services are also available:

**Medical services:** General and Family Medicine; Emergency/Outpatient Services; Anesthesia; Obstetrics/Gynecology; General Surgery; Ears, Nose and Throat; Travel Clinics to the Western Region of Nunavut.

**Specialty services:** Obstetrics/Gynecology; Otorhinolaryngology; Pediatrics; Psychiatry; Internal Medicine; Ophthalmology; Orthopedics; Radiology; Environmental Health.

**Diagnostic and rehabilitative:** Allergy Skin Testing; CAT Scan; Chemotherapy; Dialysis; Occupational Therapy; Physiotherapy; Speech/Language Pathology; Stress Testing; Audiology; Clinical Laboratory Programs; Holter Monitoring; Palliative Care; Radiology; Diabetic Teaching; Respiratory Therapy, Psorasein Ultra Violet; Light A Program (PUVA).

**Visiting medical specialists:** Anesthesia; Neurology; Orthopedic Surgery; Pathology/Laboratory; Pediatric Orthopedics; Radiology; Urology; Infertility Clinic; Dermatology; Oncology (Gynecological); Pediatric Cardiology; Psychiatry; Rheumatology; Child/Adolescent Psychiatry.



## Health Care Cards

For information or to apply for an NWT Health Card, contact:

### Health Benefit Programs

#### Health Services

#### Administration

#### Department of Health and Social Services

Bag #9, Inuvik, NT X0E 0T0

Toll-free: 1-800-661-0830

Phone: (867) 777-7404 or

777-7405 or 777-7406

Fax: (867) 777-3197

Website: [www.hlthss.gov.nt.ca](http://www.hlthss.gov.nt.ca)



# Yellowknife Health and Social Services Authority (YHSSA)

The YHSSA delivers several programs and services. These include: Clinic Services, Community and Family Services and Community Health Services. For more information on the programs and services available, please visit their web site at: [www.yhssa.org](http://www.yhssa.org) or contact individual departments.

## COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES CONTACTS

	Phone	Fax
Home Care	(867) 920-3338	(867) 873-0369
Public Health Unit	(867) 920-6570	(867) 873-0158
Regional Health Promotion	(867) 920-6552	(867) 920-4015
Regional Nutrition	(867) 920-6546	(867) 920-4015

## COMMUNITY AND FAMILY SERVICES CONTACTS

	Phone	Fax
Child Protection	(867) 873-7276 (after 5 p.m., Monday to Friday, call (867) 873-1929)	(867) 873-0289
Community Development/ Adult Services	(867) 873-7276	(867) 873-0289
Community Mental Health	(867) 920-6522	(867) 873-9032
Guardianship, Adoption and Foster Care	(867) 873-7276	(867) 873-0289
Intervention	(867) 873-7276	(867) 873-0289

## MEDICAL CLINIC SERVICES

### Gibson Medical Clinic

Phone: (867) 873-5895

Fax: (867) 920-2866

### Great Slave Medical House

Phone: (867) 920-4211

Fax: (867) 873-5912

### Family Medical Clinic

Phone: (867) 873-5881

Fax: (867) 873-3175

### Frame Lake Family Physicians

Phone: (867) 873-3512

Fax: (867) 873-3515

There is a walk-in medical at the Centre for Northern Families. No appointment is necessary. Please call the centre for more information related to hours of operation.

### Centre for Northern Families

Phone: (867) 873-2566

Fax: (867) 873-2576

E-mail: [womenyk@theedge.ca](mailto:womenyk@theedge.ca)

Website: [www.women.yk](http://www.women.yk)

*\* Please remember to bring your Health Care Card Number or Health Care Card*

## CHIROPRACTIC AND MASSAGE

Yellowknife offers a number of independently operated chiropractic and massage clinics. For an updated listing of contacts, please see the City of Yellowknife Business Directory at [www.yellowknife.ca](http://www.yellowknife.ca)

## DENTAL CARE

Yellowknife has a number of dental clinics and private practitioners that offer complete family and cosmetic dentistry services.

### Adam Dental Clinic

Phone: (867) 873-2775

Fax: (867) 920-2775

24 Hour Emergency Service:  
(867) 873-1250

### Frame Lake Family Dental Clinic

Phone: (867) 669-0003

Fax: (867) 669-0103

24 Hour Emergency Service:  
(867) 669-1796

### Great Slave Dental Clinic

Phone: (867) 873-2450

Fax: (867) 873-5032

24 Hour Emergency Service:  
(867) 444-3635

Website:

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

### Somba K'e Dental Clinic

Phone: (867) 873-2027

Fax: (867) 873-4410

24 Hour Emergency Service:  
(867) 444-4324

E-mail:

[reception@sombakedental.com](mailto:reception@sombakedental.com)

## VISION CARE

The eye clinic, located in downtown Yellowknife, is a department of Stanton Territorial Hospital. The ophthalmologist performs eye surgery and provides consultation and additional optical medical services. Ophthalmology technicians and technologists conduct routine eye exams. For more information, contact:

### Eye Clinic

Phone: (867) 873-3577

Fax: (867) 873-7992

## SENIORS' FACILITIES AND SOCIETY

### Aven Manor

Phone: (867) 920-2443

Fax: (867) 873-9915

### Baker Community Centre

Phone: (867) 873-9475

Fax: (867) 873-4318

E-mail: [yk.ss@nt.sympatico.ca](mailto:yk.ss@nt.sympatico.ca)

Website: [www.ykseniors.ca](http://www.ykseniors.ca)

### NWT Seniors Society

Phone: (867) 920-7444

Fax: (867) 873-4318

E-mail: [seniors@tamarack.nt.ca](mailto:seniors@tamarack.nt.ca)

# Help Lines

- ▶ **Yellowknife Health and Social Services Authority Community and Family Services**  
after hours  
phone number is  
(867) 873-1929
- ▶ **Crisis Line for Abused Women** (Alison McAteer House) Emergency line:  
(867) 873-8142
- ▶ **Kids Help-Line**  
1-800-668-6868
- ▶ **Seniors Help-Line**  
1-800-661-0878 or  
local 920-7444
- ▶ **Western Arctic Helpline and AIDS Help Line**  
(867) 920-2121





Meet Yellowknife Residents, Gail Cyr and Son, Jesse Wheeler...



*Gail Cyr's first full-time job when she arrived in Yellowknife from Manitoba in 1974 was to help plan the Dene-Metis Assembly in Fort Good Hope. "I was so excited about the potential for Aboriginal people to be united. I chartered aircraft, cooked, drove, typed, chopped wood and danced. The long days and excitement captured my imagination and I have never left. There are no shortage of opportunities in Yellowknife, and with them comes the chance to return what I was given." Her career has ranged from founding the Native Court Workers, to artist, to alderman, to actor, and director. She is now a legislative advisor for the GNWT.*



# EDUCATION

*Yellowknife has many quality education programs serving students from kindergarten to Grade 12, and those who wish to pursue post-secondary and continuing education. There are also a number of day-care facilities and day-homes for pre-school and young children. For more information on licensed facilities, please see City of Yellowknife Business Directory at: [www.yellowknife.ca](http://www.yellowknife.ca)*

*Classes are offered in English, French Immersion and French. For more information, contact the school boards or the individual schools.*



## **YELLOWKNIFE PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

### **Yellowknife Education District No. 1**

Phone: (867) 766-5050  
Fax: (867) 873-5051  
E-mail: [info@yk1.nt.ca](mailto:info@yk1.nt.ca)  
Website: [www.yk1.nt.ca](http://www.yk1.nt.ca)

## **YELLOWKNIFE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS**

### **Yellowknife Catholic School Board**

Phone: (867) 766-7400  
Fax: (867) 766-7401  
Website: [www.ycs.nt.ca](http://www.ycs.nt.ca)

## **COMMISSION SCOLAIRE FRANCOPHONE**

### **Francophone School Board**

Phone: (867) 873-6555  
Fax: (867) 873-5644  
Website: [www.csfd.ca](http://www.csfd.ca)

## **POST-SECONDARY AND CONTINUING EDUCATION**

The majority of post-secondary and continuing education programs in the city are offered at the Yellowknife Campus of Aurora College. The college offers diploma and degree programs, as well as university transfer courses through affiliations with universities in a number of provinces in southern Canada.

The Kimberlite Career and Technical Centre officially opened in April, 2004. The centre offers several pre-trades courses. The centre is used in partnership with Skills Canada NWT/NU and Aurora College.

There are also a number of private facilities offering continuing education programs. For more information, contact:

### **Aurora College**

Phone: (867) 920-3030  
Fax: (867) 873-0333

### **Kimberlite Career & Technical Centre**

Phone: (867) 766-2900  
Fax: (867) 766-2901

### **Skills Canada NWT/NU**

Phone: (867) 873-8743  
Fax: (867) 873-8197  
E-mail: [skillsnt@ssimicro.com](mailto:skillsnt@ssimicro.com)



## GOVERNMENT SPONSORED TRAINING

The NWT offers a variety of industrial and apprenticeship training programs. For more information, contact:

### Apprenticeship and Occupational Certification Government of the Northwest Territories

Phone: (867) 873-7357

Fax: (867) 873-0200

E-mail: [apprenticeship@gov.nt.ca](mailto:apprenticeship@gov.nt.ca)

Website: [www.ece.gov.nt.ca/divisions/apprenticeship/index.htm](http://www.ece.gov.nt.ca/divisions/apprenticeship/index.htm)

## STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

For criteria and program information related to student financial assistance in the NWT contact:

- ▶ 24-hour Information Line:  
(867) 873-7190
- ▶ 24-hour Toll Free Line:  
1-800-661-0793
- ▶ 24-hour Fax Line:  
(867) 873-0336
- ▶ 24-hour Toll Free Fax:  
1-800-661-0893
- ▶ Website: [www.nwtsfa.gov.nt.ca](http://www.nwtsfa.gov.nt.ca)

## ENROLMENT STATISTICS

### YK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

		Full-time Equivalent	Grades Offered
Range Lake North <a href="http://www.rln.yk1.nt.ca">www.rln.yk1.nt.ca</a>	(867) 920-7567	315	K-8
Ecole Sir John Franklin <a href="http://www.sjf.yk1.nt.ca">www.sjf.yk1.nt.ca</a>	(867) 669-0773	752	9-12
Montessori	(867) 873-6945	Offers pre-kindergarten now as part of N.J. MacPherson (YK1)	
K'alemi <a href="http://www.kds.yk1.nt.ca">www.kds.yk1.nt.ca</a>	(867) 920-7260	76	K-9
Ecole J.H. Sissons <a href="http://www.jhs.yk1.nt.ca">www.jhs.yk1.nt.ca</a>	(867) 873-3477	235	K-5
William McDonald <a href="http://www.wms.yk1.nt.ca">www.wms.yk1.nt.ca</a>	(867) 873-5814	252	6-8
N.J. MacPherson <a href="http://www.njm.yk1.nt.ca">www.njm.yk1.nt.ca</a>	(867) 873-5814	252	K-5
Mildred Hall <a href="http://www.mhs.yk1.nt.ca">www.mhs.yk1.nt.ca</a>	(867) 873-5811	207	K-8

Source: Department of Education, Culture & Employment (GNWT)

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**YK CATHOLIC SCHOOLS**

		<b>Full-time Equivalent</b>	<b>Grades Offered</b>
Ecole St. Joseph www.ycs.nt.ca	(867) 920-2112	626	K-8
St. Patrick High School www.ycs.nt.ca	(867) 873-4888	541	9-12
Weledeh Catholic English www.ycs.nt.ca	(867) 873-5591	433	K-8

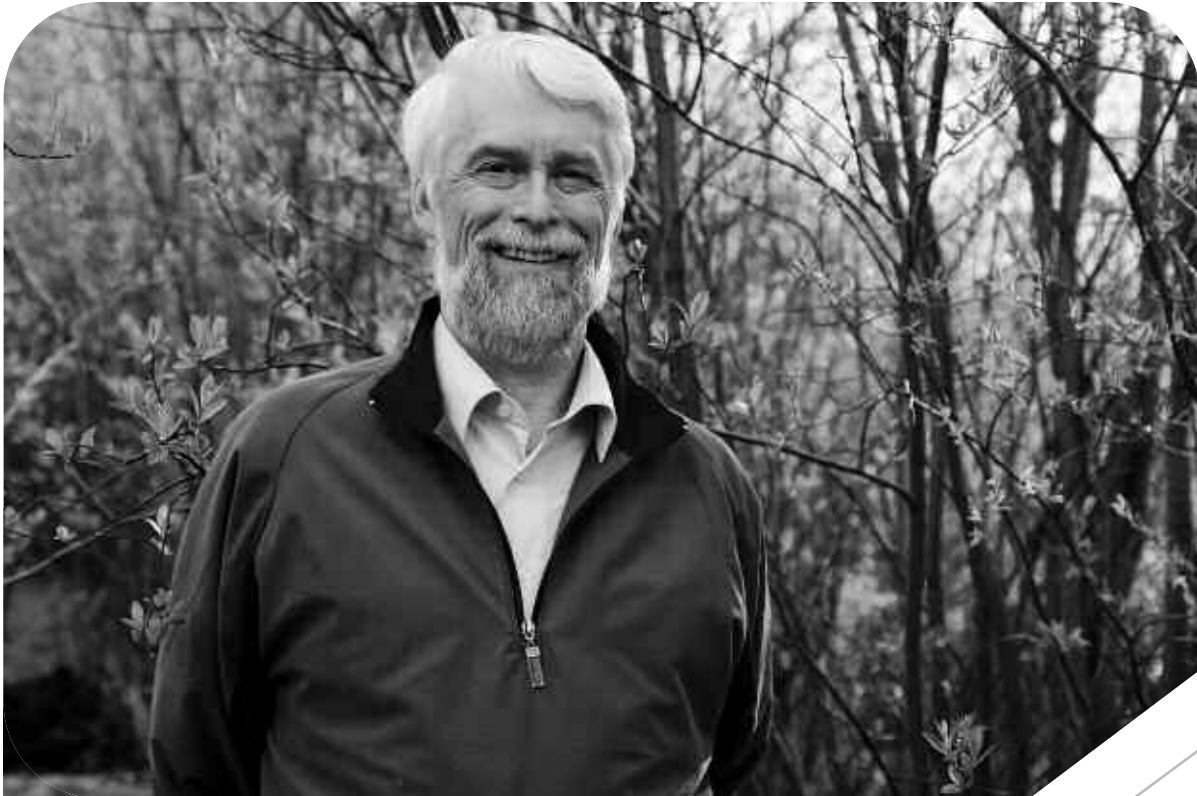
Source: Department of Education, Culture & Employment (GNWT)

**COMMISSION SCOLAIRE FRANCOPHONE**

		<b>Full-time Equivalent</b>	<b>Grades Offered</b>
Ecole Allain St-Cyr E-mail: easc@learnnet.nt.ca Website: www.allainstcyr.ca	(867) 873-3223	88	Kindergarten-12

Source: Commission Scolaire Francophone  
Ecole Allain St-Cyr

Meet Yellowknife Resident, Dave Lovell...



Dave Broshta Photography

Dave Lovell still lives in the house where he grew up after moving here with his parents in 1956. Now a Manager of Tax Administration for the GNWT, Dave left when he was younger to pursue higher education and to travel, but found he couldn't stay away from the North.

"I like the country and the people who live here. Yellowknife gives people the chance to be whatever they want to be.

This was, and still is, a community of opportunity. People still smile at each other on the street, and they still talk in elevators."



# COMMUNITY & LIFESTYLE

*From fishing to boating; walking trails to belly dancing; northern lights viewing to sports and recreation; yoga classes to an extensive library collection; Yellowknife has the community resources, programs, events, services and attractions to meet everyone's needs.*

## **Within the City of Yellowknife there are:**

- ▶ Two arenas (including a twin-pad arena)
- ▶ Curling rink
- ▶ Indoor swimming pool
- ▶ Bowling alley
- ▶ Pool hall
- ▶ Three-screen movie theatre
- ▶ Racquet club
- ▶ Several fitness centres
- ▶ Numerous parks
- ▶ Tennis courts

Yellowknife's library has over 50,000 books and also loans CDs, audio cassettes, videos, large print books and books on tape. It also houses a collection of newspapers, magazines, and business materials such as directories, phone books and college calendars. For more information, contact:

### **Yellowknife Public Library**

Phone: (867) 920-5642

Fax: (867) 920-5671

Website: [www.yellowknife.ca](http://www.yellowknife.ca)

The city also offers summer and winter recreation and learning programs for pre-school age children to adults. The guide also features contact information for community groups. For more information, contact:

### **Department of Community Services**

Phone: (867) 920-5634

Fax: (867) 920-5649

E-mail: [cs@yellowknife.ca](mailto:cs@yellowknife.ca)

Website: [www.yellowknife.ca](http://www.yellowknife.ca)

## Events

*Yellowknife offers year-round events, festivals, meetings and attractions. A listing of events, contact information, and a complete listing of accommodations is available online through the Northern Frontier Visitors Centre. For more information, contact: [www.northernfrontier.com](http://www.northernfrontier.com)*

## Accommodation

Following is a listing of the hotels, inns and motels available:

### **Anderson Thomson Tower**

Phone: (867) 873-5701  
Fax: (867) 873-3638  
E-mail: [frontdesk\\_polardev@yk.com](mailto:frontdesk_polardev@yk.com)

### **Capital Suites – Yellowknife**

Phone: (867) 669-6400  
Fax: (867) 669-6456  
Website:  
[www.capitalsuites.ca/yellowknife.htm](http://www.capitalsuites.ca/yellowknife.htm)  
E-mail: [yellowknife@capitalsuites.ca](mailto:yellowknife@capitalsuites.ca)

### **Chateau Nova**

Phone: (867) 873-9700  
Fax: (867) 873-9702  
Website: [www.chateaunova.com](http://www.chateaunova.com)  
E-mail: [management@chateaunova.com](mailto:management@chateaunova.com)

### **Chateau Nova Suites**

Phone: (867) 765-0800  
Fax: (867) 765-0808  
Website: [www.chateaunova.com](http://www.chateaunova.com)  
E-mail: [suites@chateaunova.com](mailto:suites@chateaunova.com)

### **Fraser Tower Suite Hotel**

Phone: (867) 873-8700  
Fax: (867) 873-8708  
Website: [www.frasertower.com](http://www.frasertower.com)  
E-mail: [info@frasertower.com](mailto:info@frasertower.com)

### **Midwest Property Management**

Phone: (867) 873-5033  
Fax: (867) 669-6217  
Website: [www.rentmidwest.com](http://www.rentmidwest.com)  
E-mail: [Midwest@theedge.ca](mailto:Midwest@theedge.ca)

### **Northern Lights Motel**

Phone: (867) 873-6023  
Fax: (867) 920-4713

### **Old Town Cabins**

Phone: (867) 873-6959  
Fax: (867) 873-8473

### **Red Coach Inn**

Phone: (867) 873-8511  
Fax: (867) 873-5547  
E-mail: [redcoachinn@theedge.ca](mailto:redcoachinn@theedge.ca)

### **Discovery Inn**

Phone: (867) 873-4151  
Fax: (867) 920-794  
E-mail: [discovery2@arcticdata.nt.ca](mailto:discovery2@arcticdata.nt.ca)

### **The Explorer Hotel**

Phone: (867) 873-3531  
Fax: (867) 873-2789  
Website: [www.explorerhotel.nt.ca](http://www.explorerhotel.nt.ca)  
E-mail: [reservations@explorerhotel.ca](mailto:reservations@explorerhotel.ca)

### **Yellowknife Inn**

Phone: (867) 873-2601  
Fax: (867) 873-2602  
Website: [www.yellowknifeinn.com](http://www.yellowknifeinn.com)  
E-mail: [ykinn@yellowknifeinn.com](mailto:ykinn@yellowknifeinn.com)

### **Yellowknife Super 8 Motel**

Phone: (867) 669-8888  
Fax: (867) 669-8801  
Website: [www.super8yellowknife.com](http://www.super8yellowknife.com)  
E-mail: [sales@super8yellowknife.com](mailto:sales@super8yellowknife.com)



# Public Recreation Facilities

## GOLFING

Yellowknife Golf Club is an 18-hole course with sand fairways.

### **Yellowknife Golf Club**

Phone: (867) 873-4326

Fax: (867) 920-7487

### **Mini Golf: Wade Hamer Mini Golf**

Phone: (867) 920-7722

## ICE SKATING

### **Multiplex Arena** (Twin-pad arena)

Phone: (867) 920-5616

### **Yellowknife Community Arena**

Phone: (867) 920-5621

The City of Yellowknife also maintains six outdoor skating rinks that are available, weather permitting, until late February or early March. The rinks are located at:

- ▶ Olexin Park
- ▶ Forrest Drive Park
- ▶ Latham Island Park
- ▶ School Draw Park
- ▶ Jeske Park
- ▶ Frame Lake Skating Oval

## TOBOGGANING AND SNOWBOARDING

There are tobogganing and snowboarding hills at Bristol Pit.

## CURLING

Yellowknife Curling Club has eight sheets of ice and offers food and beverage services. For more information, contact:

### **Yellowknife Curling Club**

Phone: (867) 873-4805

## SKIING

Yellowknife Ski Club has a number of cross-country trails, and programs for all ages and abilities. Yellowknife does not have adequate terrain for downhill skiing. For more information, contact:

### **Yellowknife Ski Club**

Phone: (867) 669-9754

## SWIMMING

Ruth Inch Memorial Pool offers excellent swimming programs, as well as a sauna, hot tub and climbing wall. For more information, contact:

### **Ruth Inch Memorial Pool**

Phone: (867) 920-5683

Fax: (867) 920-5681

Website: [www.yellowknife.ca](http://www.yellowknife.ca)





## Ingraham Trail – Highway 4

### BEACHES

**Long Lake/Fred Henne Park and Campground - Beach Hut**

**McNiven Beach and Playground** (Frame Lake)

### TENNIS COURTS

- ▶ Somba K'e Park
- ▶ McNiven Beach
- ▶ Kam Lake Road

Phone: (867) 920-5634 to book a time

### WALKING TRAILS

- ▶ Frame Lake Trail
- ▶ Range Lake Trail
- ▶ Old Town Historic District

Trail maps are available at the Northern Frontier Visitors Centre

*Ingraham Trail offers a variety of outdoor recreational activities, including: camping, picnic areas, boat launches, walking trails, fishing, and canoeing. A detailed paddling guide, available at the Northern Frontier Visitors Centre, provides a description of eight Ingraham Trail routes. For information on recreational opportunities along the Ingraham Trail, please contact the Northern Frontier Visitors Centre.*



### CAMPGROUNDS

**Fred Henne Park** – A well-serviced campground located on the outskirts of Yellowknife, near the airport on Long Lake. Amenities include a boat launch, public beach, and canoe and paddle boat rental.

**Prelude Lake Territorial Park** – A favourite with locals, Prelude Lake offers campsites, picnic sites, and a boat launch.

**Reid Lake Territorial Park** – Park has campsite, boat launch and beach. A starting point for canoe trips down the Cameron River.

For more information, contact the Northern Frontier Visitors Centre.

# Private Recreational Facilities

## North Country Stable

Phone: (867) 920-2211

Fax: (867) 920-7915

E-mail: [greatslaveveterinary@nt.sympatico.ca](mailto:greatslaveveterinary@nt.sympatico.ca)

## Kingpin Centre

Phone: (867) 920-BOWL (2695)

Fax: (867) 873-4811

## The Racquet Club

Phone: (867) 920-2224

Fax: (867) 920-248

E-mail: [theclub@internorth.com](mailto:theclub@internorth.com)

## Body Works Training and Rehab Centre

Phone: (867) 873-2834

Fax: (867) 669-7087

## Breakaway Fitness Centre

Phone: (867) 920-4220

Fax: (867) 920-4220

E-mail: [breakawayfitness@theedge.ca](mailto:breakawayfitness@theedge.ca)

## Yoga Centre

Phone: (867) 669-9642

E-mail: [yoga@theedge.ca](mailto:yoga@theedge.ca)



## BOATING

### Great Slave Cruising Club

Website:

<http://sail.ssimicro.com>

### Pier 1 Marina

Phone: (867) 873-2495

Fax: (867) 873-6630

E-mail:

[pier1marina@forceoneyk.com](mailto:pier1marina@forceoneyk.com)

## PUBLIC BOAT LAUNCHES

- ▶ **Old Town**  
Near Weaver and Devore
- ▶ **Long Lake**  
At the government boat launch
- ▶ **Giant Mine Townsite**



## MUSEUMS

### Prince of Wales

### Northern Heritage Centre

Phone: (867) 873-7551

Fax: (867) 873-0205

Website:

<http://pwnhc.learnnet.nt.ca/>

### Diavik's Diamond

### Visitor Centre

Phone: (867) 669-6500

Fax: (867) 669-9058

E-mail: [diavik@diavik.com](mailto:diavik@diavik.com)

Website: [www.diavik.ca](http://www.diavik.ca)

### John A's Paleo Museum

Phone: (867) 873-2310

E-mail: [johna@ssimicro.com](mailto:johna@ssimicro.com)



## THEATRES

### Capitol Movie Theatre

Phone: (867) 873-2302

Fax: (867) 873-3932

E-mail: [admin\\_theatre@yk.com](mailto:admin_theatre@yk.com)

Website: [www.movies.yk.com](http://www.movies.yk.com)

### Northern Arts and Cultural Centre

Phone: (867) 873-4950

Fax: (867) 669-9826

E-mail: [nacc@nt.sympatico.ca](mailto:nacc@nt.sympatico.ca)



Meet Yellowknife Resident, Doris McCann...



Dave Broshta Photography

A resident of Yellowknife for 30 years, Doris McCann still "loves the place." Doris who works as a "consultant jack of all trades," under the moniker Red Willow Consulting, came here originally after living in Frobisher Bay (now Iqaluit), and although she's left a few times, she's always come back because it's home.

"I love the people that come and go, and those that stay. I love Yellowknife Bay, the West Bay Fault Line, the ski trails. I love the Breakaway Fitness Club, my writing friends, my husband, daughter, son-in-law and grandchildren who all live here."



## Religious Organizations & Churches

Yellowknife has a number of churches and places of worship that offer denominational and non-denominational services. For more information, please contact:

### **Calvary Community Church**

Phone: (867) 873-5848 or  
(867) 873-4017  
Fax: (867) 669-0330

### **Central Arctic Baptist Church**

Phone: (867) 669-6367  
Fax: (867) 669-7038

### **Church of Christ**

Phone: (867) 873-3875  
Fax: (867) 873-6206

### **Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints**

Phone: (867) 669-7531 or  
(867) 873-8234  
Fax: (867) 873-3045  
Website: [www.mormon.org](http://www.mormon.org)

### **Glad Tidings Fellowship**

Phone: (867) 920-2167  
Fax: (867) 873-8449

### **Holy Family Lutheran Church**

Phone: (867) 873-3809  
Fax: (867) 669-8881

### **Holy Trinity Anglican Church**

Phone: (867) 873-5949  
Fax: (867) 873-5916

### **St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church**

Phone: (867) 873-4880  
Fax: (867) 873-4670  
Website: [www.stpatschurch.com](http://www.stpatschurch.com)

### **The Salvation Army Yellowknife Corps**

Phone: (867) 920-4673  
Fax: (867) 920-4096  
Website: [www.sanorth.ca](http://www.sanorth.ca)

### **Seventh-Day**

### **Adventist Church**

Phone: (867) 873-6767  
Fax: (867) 873-6767

### **Yellowknife Alliance Church**

Phone: (867) 873-6657  
E-mail: [ykac@ssimicro.com](mailto:ykac@ssimicro.com)

### **Yellowknife Pentecostal Tabernacle**

Phone: (867) 873-4590

### **Yellowknife United Church**

Phone: (867) 873-6291  
Fax: (867) 669-8881

### **Yellowknife Vineyard Christian Fellowship**

Phone: (867) 920-2446  
Fax: (867) 873-2442

## Aboriginal & Community Governance Organizations

For a complete Directory of Aboriginal Organizations in the NWT, please contact the Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs, Government of the Northwest Territories.

### **Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs**

Phone: (867) 873-7143  
Fax: (867) 873-0233  
Website: [www.gov.nt.ca](http://www.gov.nt.ca)

For a Community Governance Data List, please contact the Department of Municipal and Community Affairs, Government of the Northwest Territories.

### **Department of Municipal and Community Affairs**

Phone: (867) 920-8893  
Fax: (867) 873-060  
Website: [www.maca.gov.nt.ca](http://www.maca.gov.nt.ca)

# INFRASTRUCTURE

## Emergency Services

### POLICE

Policing is provided by the RCMP. Yellowknife is G Division Headquarters for the entire NWT and also houses a detachment of 30-plus officers that serve the City of Yellowknife. The divisions include major crime, drug squad, forensics, traffic, community services, commercial crime, and diamond security.

#### **RCMP Detachment Headquarters**

General Inquiries:  
Phone: (867) 669-5100  
Fax: (867) 669-5175

#### **Crime Stoppers**

Phone: 1-800-222-8477

#### **Emergency and**

#### **24 hour complaints:**

Phone: (867) 669-1111

### MUNICIPAL ENFORCEMENT DIVISION

Municipal By-law Enforcement Officers enforce municipal by-laws in the city and are employees of the City of Yellowknife.

General Inquiries:  
Phone: (867) 920-5630  
Fax: (867) 669-3405  
After Hours: (867) 920-5699  
E-mail: med@yellowknife.ca

### FIRE & AMBULANCE

The Yellowknife Fire Department (YKFD) operates the city's ambulance, fire, rescue, hazardous waste and materials responses.

#### **Yellowknife Fire Department**

General Inquiries  
Phone: (867) 766-5500  
Fax: (867) 766-5509  
E-mail: firedept@yellowknife.ca

## Utilities & Services

Northland Utilities is a privately-owned distribution utility that serves customers within the City of Yellowknife. Northland Utilities (Yellowknife) Limited serves 6,350 residential and 800 commercial customers within Yellowknife and neighbouring N'dilo.

The Northwest Territories Power Corporation, a crown corporation, generates power through hydro and/or diesel, depending on the time of year. Power rates are set by the NWT Public Utilities Board.

For more information, contact:

#### **Northland Utilities**

Phone: (867) 873-4865  
Fax: (867) 920-2099  
Website: [www.northlandutilities.nt.ca](http://www.northlandutilities.nt.ca)

#### **Fire/Ambulance Emergency**

Phone: (867) 873-2222

### Power Plant

The Jackfish Diesel Plant contains four diesel plants, two modular turbines, office complex, line building, sub-station and warehouse space. It supplements the main power supplied via transmission line from Snare Hydro. Power is generated by the Northwest Territories Power Corporation at its hydro stations on the Snare River and at its diesel electric plant at Jackfish Lake in Yellowknife.

### Installed Capacity

Total installed capacity of 67,190KW - 30,890KW provided via 10 generators at the Jackfish Plant in Yellowknife; 28.8MW provided by four Snare hydro plants; and 7.5MW provided by NWT Power Corporation's Bluefish plant.

### Water and Waste Water

The City of Yellowknife provides pressurized potable water through its municipal piped service system and by trucked water delivery in areas not serviced with piped infrastructure. Sewage is collected in a network of gravity-fed sewage lines and, where necessary, with the use of sewage pump-out trucks. With the aid of lift stations, the sewage is pumped to a chain of lakes, 10 km from the city, where the sewage is held and allowed to naturally decompose with the aid of the sun. Most of Yellowknife receives piped services. Old Town, Latham Island, N'dilo and part of Kam Lake receive trucked water and sewage pump. Latham Island and N'dilo are provided water via a network of surface waterlines in summer.

## Residential Costs

### TRUCKED WATER

(1 ERU (Equivalent Residential Unit) One water tank and one sewer tank (one service).

**Basic Charges:** Flat rate charge of \$41.74 per month

**Solid Waster Levy:** \$11.00 is based on ERU

**Infrastructure Levy:** Fixed charge of \$5.00

**Water Consumption:** Based on usage, charge of \$.01192 per gallon for the first 3300 gallons per month and a charge of \$.68 per gallon in excess per month.

### RESIDENTIAL POWER RATES

Energy Charge \$/kw.h	0.1494
Customer Charge \$/month	18.00 Including all riders
Minimum Bill	21.04
NTPC Higher Purchase Rider \$/kw.h	0.010782
NTPC Snare Cascades Hydro Addition	0.00529
Purchase Power	0.01082
Franchise Tax	2.5060%
GST	7%

Source: Northland Utilities

### COMMERCIAL POWER RATES

Demand Charge	7.36
Energy Charge \$/kw.h	0.1238
Minimum Bill	39.11 Including all riders
NTPC Higher Purchase Rider \$/kw.h	0.010782
NTPC Snare Cascades Hydro Addition	0.00529
Purchase Power	0.01082
Franchise Tax	2.5060%
GST	7%

Source: Northland Utilities

### PIPED WATER

**Access Fee:** \$5.78 per ERU. Different formulas exist for different uses. One ERU is equal to a home with up to two bathrooms.

**Solid Waste Levy:** \$11.00 charged based on number of services. For example: if you had a basement suite you would be assessed two ERU's.

**Demand:** Based on the size of the water meter

**Infrastructure Levy:** \$5.00 based on ERU

**Insurance Program:** \$3.00 based on ERU

**Water Consumption:** Based on usage, charge of \$.01192 per gallon.



## Industrial Costs

### TRUCKED WATER

**Basic Charges:** Flat rate charge of \$119.18 per month

**Solid Waste:** Industrial companies are charged directly for garbage removal

**Infrastructure Levy:** Fixed charge of \$5.00

**Water Consumption:** Based on usage, charge of \$.01192 per gallon for the first 3300 gallons per month and a charge of \$.68 per gallon in excess per month.

## Commercial Costs

### PIPED WATER

**Access Fee:** \$5.78 per ERU. Different formulas exist for different uses such as commercial or residential customers and type of business such as warehouse or hotel. One ERU is equal to a home with up to two bathrooms.

**Solid Waste:** Commercial companies are charged directly for garbage removal

**Demand:** Based on the size of the water meter

**Infrastructure Levy:** \$5.00 based on ERU

**Insurance Program:** \$3.00 based on ERU

**Water Consumption:** Based on usage, charge of \$.01192 per gallon.

### SEWAGE SERVICES

#### Kavanaugh Brothers Waste Removal Services

Phone: (867) 873-2811

Fax: (867) 920-2811

E-mail: [info@kavanaughwaste.com](mailto:info@kavanaughwaste.com)

Website: [www.kavanaughwaste.com](http://www.kavanaughwaste.com)

### WATER DELIVERY

#### WB Water Services

Phone: (867) 873-4659 or (867) 873-8277

Fax: (867) 873-4995

### GARBAGE & INDUSTRIAL WASTE REMOVAL

On January 1, 2006, a user pay system for garbage removal was implemented in Yellowknife. Residents are allowed 3 – 77 litre bags of waste per week collected at the curb. Any additional bags must have a tag, which costs \$1 and can be purchased at City Hall, Village Reddi Mart, Downtown Reddi Mart, Sutherland's Drugs, Yellowknife Co-op, or at the landfill gatehouse.

The City of Yellowknife Solid Waste Management Facility is located 2 km north of the city. There is a minimum \$5 tipping fee at the landfill for residents dropping off waste. This does not apply to residents that are strictly salvaging or dropping off tagged waste. Other tipping fees apply to white goods (appliances such as washers and dryers), tires, and batteries. There are 3 amnesty weeks per year when the \$5 fee does not apply. These are allotted for the weeks following Christmas, spring cleanup and fall clean up.

Apartment buildings and other multi-family residences are now responsible for arranging the disposal of their own waste. They can hire a contractor or transport their own waste to the landfill. A tipping fee of \$65 per tonne is charged at the landfill for this waste or \$30 per tonne if it is sorted recyclable material.

Yellowknife also has a recycling program that was established in 1990 by Ecology North. The City took over the program in 1994. The current program uses a depot system, where residents have to sort their recyclables into bins at the following locations across the city:

- ▶ Yellowknife Solid Waste Management Facility
- ▶ Ruth Inch Pool/Yk Community Arena Parking Lot
- ▶ Co-op Parking Lot
- ▶ Corner of Franklin Avenue and School Draw Avenue
- ▶ 52nd Street

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When the bins are full they are taken to the landfill and the items are baled. Once there are enough bales collected, the goods are shipped to Edmonton for further processing.

The City of Yellowknife has outsourced residential garbage collection to Kavanaugh Brothers Waste Removal Services. A fee of \$11 a month is included on water bills to cover the collection cost for the 3 bags collected at the curb. For information and current garbage collection schedules, contact Kavanaugh Brothers or visit their website.

Kavanaugh Brothers Waste  
Removal Services  
Phone: (867) 873-2811  
Fax: (867) 920-2811  
E-mail:  
info@kavanaughwaste.com  
Website:  
www.kavanaughwaste.com

## COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL GARBAGE COLLECTION

Commercial units are also now responsible for arranging the disposal of their own waste. They can hire a contractor or transport their own waste to the landfill. A tipping fee of \$65 per tonne is charged at the landfill for this waste or \$30 per tonne if it is sorted recyclable material.

## LANDFILL HOURS OF OPERATION

### Winter:

Monday and Friday: 2:45 pm to 4:45 pm  
Tuesday to Thursday: 8:00 am to 4:45 pm  
Saturday, Sunday and holidays: 10:00 am to 4:45 pm

### Summer:

Monday and Friday: 3:45 pm to 5:45 pm  
Tuesday to Thursday: 8:00 am to 5:45 pm  
Saturday, Sunday and holidays: 10:00 am to 4:45 pm

## DISPOSAL

Residential, as well as some commercial and industrial garbage is compacted into 3 ft x 4 ft x 5 ft bales and stacked in the landfill.

Commercial or industrial companies generating hazardous or toxic waste are responsible for disposing of them. They are responsible for contracting a certified carrier to transport the waste south for appropriate disposal. The Stanton Territorial Hospital has an incinerator to dispose of medical waste. The City of Yellowknife holds an annual household hazardous waste drop off event.



Meet Yellowknife Residents, Paul, Joy, Justine & Mark Ollerhead...



Dave Broshta Photography

Originally from Newfoundland, Paul Ollerhead came to Yellowknife for a couple of days in 1985, and stayed a lifetime. He met his wife, Joy, here in Yellowknife and they are now the proud parents of two children Justine, 17, and Mark, 8. After a career in security, in 2004 he started his own business, Ollerhead NWT Locksmithing Ltd. "I've thought about leaving Yellowknife, but each time I look around and say Yellowknife hasn't been too bad to me. I like that it's a small city near the wilderness. You can go boating and skidooing, and still have all the amenities."



# TRANSPORTATION

## CITY

### Streets & Roads

Snow removal is done on a regularly scheduled basis. High traffic routes and the downtown core are the first priority. The downtown roads are graded down to pavement twice in winter and once in all other areas. The speed limit on most roads is 45 km/hour; 30 km/h in school zones and playgrounds; and 70 km/h on highways. Road width varies from 13.5 m for main roads such as the 4-lane Franklin Avenue from 54th Street to the Co-op corner on Old Airport Road; to 11.5 m for the main residential streets in the city; and 9m of paved road in Old Town and Kam Lake.

While there are no definitive load capacity restrictions, there is a truck route for semi-tractor trailers that runs from the airport to Old Town and enables these vehicles to avoid the downtown core. This does not apply to regular delivery trucks.

Road cleaning is done on a scheduled basis throughout the spring, summer, and fall. A major street cleaning is done in the spring when the roads are flushed and swept.

### Parking Facilities

The only public parkade in Yellowknife is located at Centre Square Mall. It offers 150 underground heated parking spaces and 200 above ground, unheated parking spaces. For information on rates and availability, please contact:

#### Centre Square Mall Office

Phone: (867) 873-9802

Fax: (867) 873-9835

### Metered Parking

Only the downtown core has metered streets. All other residential streets offer free parking. Parking meter rates are effective from Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; Saturday, Sunday and statutory holidays are exempt.

### Metered Parking Rates

\$.05 = 3 mins            \$1.00 = 1 hr  
\$.10 = 6 mins            \$2.00 = 2 hrs  
\$.25 = 15 mins

### Public Transportation

There are three transit routes in the Yellowknife Transit System. Route 1 covers the downtown, airport and Range Lake areas; Route 2 covers N'dilo, downtown and Forrest Drive areas; Route 3 covers the Saturday and summer bus service. There is no public transit service on Sundays or statutory holidays.

Route maps, school bus information, transit service information and bus passes are available by contacting:

#### Cardinal Coach Lines

Phone: (867) 873-4693

#### City of Yellowknife

Phone: (867) 920-5653

Website: [www.yellowknife.ca](http://www.yellowknife.ca)

### Public transportation passes are available at:

- ▶ City Hall
- ▶ Cardinal Coach Lines
- ▶ Village Reddi-Mart
- ▶ Reddi-Mart (Downtown)
- ▶ Yellowknife Co-op
- ▶ Sutherland's Drugs

## TAXI SERVICE

Yellowknife has three taxi companies providing 24 hour local and out of town service. City Cabs also has a handi-van for disabled passengers. For more information, contact:

#### Capital Cabs Ltd:

Phone: (867) 873-6060

#### City Cabs (1993) Ltd. :

Phone: (867) 873-4444

#### Diamond Cabs

Phone: (867) 873-6666

Fax: (867) 766-4966



## CAR RENTAL COMPANIES

### Budget Car and Truck Rental

Phone: (867) 920-9209  
Fax: (867) 920-9201  
Toll Free: 1-800-383-9211

### Hertz

Phone: (867) 766-3838  
Toll Free: 1-800-263-0600

### National Car and Truck Rentals

Phone: (867) 873-3434 or  
(867) 920-2970  
Fax: (867) 920-2932  
Toll Free: 1-866-878-5557

### Rent-A-Relic

Phone: (867) 873-3400  
Fax: (867) 873-2114

## Airport

Yellowknife's airport (YZF) is the main airport in the NWT and is classified as a Gateway Hub. It is the only airport in the territory that is part of the National Airports System. Air traffic control services, Instrument Landing System (Category 1) and independent secondary surveillance radar, which are provided by NAV Canada, are also available at the airport.

The airport is operated by the Government of the Northwest Territories. The airport is open from 5:30am – 11:00pm daily.

The annual passenger traffic, both enplaned and deplaned, is approximately 380,000. Annual aircraft movements are estimated at about 55,000 movements, and cargo traffic is about 23,000 tonnes annually.

The airport has two asphalt runways. One is 7500' x 150' and the other is 5000' x 150'. The most common types of aircraft flying in and out of Yellowknife are: Boeing 737, Dash 7/8, Hercules, Cessnas, Twin Otters, F-28, ATR 42, CRJ 200, Skyvan, Pilatus, Dornier, Airbus 310 and helicopters. In an emergency, a Boeing 747 and other wide bodied aircraft can land at the airport.

### Airport Terminal

The terminal facilities are easily accessible to disabled persons. The terminal offers a number of facilities for passengers:

- ▶ Restaurant
- ▶ Gift store
- ▶ Car rental agencies
- ▶ Taxi/hotel shuttle services
- ▶ Pay and display public parking
- ▶ 16 check in desks
- ▶ Flight information and public address system
- ▶ 4 gates
- ▶ Secure hold room equipped with washrooms
- ▶ 2 baggage claim carousels
- ▶ Complimentary luggage carts
- ▶ Direct courtesy phones to hotels, taxis and car rental companies
- ▶ Public washrooms and baby/parent room
- ▶ ATM machine
- ▶ Public telephones
- ▶ Vending machines

### **Emergency Services**

Yellowknife Airport's emergency services are provided by 10 trained airport firefighters. The airport is staffed by 2-3 firefighters from 6:30am – 10:30pm daily. Ambulance services are only 2-3 minutes away and additional firefighting services can be provided by the City of Yellowknife Fire Department. Aircraft emergency response is also available outside regular operating hours on a cost recovery basis by special arrangement.

### **Private and Charter Aircraft**

Private and charter aircraft parking can be arranged by calling the Airport Duty Manager at (867) 445-5518. There are a number of float plane bases in Yellowknife's Old Town area to accommodate commercial and private float plane operations. Space on the water for visiting aircraft is limited. Pilots are encouraged to consult Transport Canada's Waterdome Flight supplement or check with operators in Yellowknife for further information on parking and services.

### **Airport Transportation**

- ▶ Hotel Shuttles
- ▶ Taxis
- ▶ Rental Cars

### **Parking**

The airport has a pay and display parking lot that provides short term outdoor parking of up to 30 days. Parking rates are as follows: first hour free, \$1.00/hr thereafter to a maximum of \$10/day, \$50/week or \$150/month. The parking pay machine accepts coins, VISA and Mastercard. Long term parking can also be arranged. Please call the Airport Manager at (867) 873-4680 for information on long term parking rates.

### **Flight Planning**

Flight Service Station:  
Phone: (867) 873-4049

Area Control Centre (Edmonton):  
Phone: 1-888-358-7526

Weather: Hourly observation 24 hours a day and terminal forecast provided four times daily.  
Phone: 1-866-WXBRIEF.

### **Air Traffic Control**

Tower: 7:00 am to 10:00 pm (unless otherwise required)

Flight Service Station: 24 hours a day

For more information related to the Yellowknife Airport, contact:

**Airport Manager:** Phone: (867) 873-4680

**Duty Manager:** Phone: (867) 445-5518

### **Customs**

There is one Customs Officer to ensure that people and goods arriving in or leaving Yellowknife comply with Canadian Border Services Agency regulations. For more information, contact:  
Phone: (867) 766-8404 or 1-800-461-9999.

### **Air Carriers**

Yellowknife has a number of air carriers and helicopter companies that offer both passenger and cargo services on a scheduled and charter basis.



Meet Yellowknife Resident, Janet Pacey...



Dave Brosha Photography

*In 1992, Janet Pacey of Espanola, Ont., sold most of her possessions, packed the remainder of them in a large hockey bag, and moved to Yellowknife—where she found a job in two days.*

*Janet now works in communications for CBC, has a freelance graphic arts business and volunteers with the SPCA. She left once, but returned for the job opportunities, the lifestyle and the great friends. "I'm so happy I returned. I love seeing 20 people I know at the grocery store.*

*I love the foxes in my neighbourhood,  
and the ravens on my roof.  
Even my dog, Winnie, loves it here."*



## Highways

The highway system in the Northwest Territories is maintained by the Government of the Northwest Territories, Department of Transportation. Only 17 of the 33 NWT communities are accessible via an all-weather highway system.

The highway system across the territory is comprised of:

Highway 1: Mackenzie Highway

Highway 2: Hay River Highway

Highway 3: Yellowknife Highway

Highway 4: Ingraham Trail

Highway 5: Fort Smith Highway

Highway 6: Fort Resolution  
Highway

Highway 7: Liard Highway

Highway 8: Dempster Highway

See Page 7 for more information related to highways linking to Yellowknife.

## Winter Access Roads

In addition to the highways, winter access roads are open from approximately mid-December to late March. Some roads are privately maintained and operated, and offer no services. Ice bridges are also used during the winter season. In the spring, when the river ice breaks up, and in the fall, at freeze-up, crossing service is interrupted for a few weeks. People and cargo are transported via air during those periods.

## Summer Ferry Service

### **Fort Providence (Mackenzie River)**

Free service is provided during the summer months at the Fort Providence crossing (Mackenzie River). Highway 3: Service begins in mid to late May and ends in mid-January.

### **Fort Simpson (Liard River):**

Highway 1: Service begins in mid to late May and ends in late October.

### **Ndulee (Mackenzie River):**

Highway 1: Service begins in late May and ends in mid October.

### **Tsiigehtchic (Mackenzie River):**

Highway 8: Service begins in early June and ends in late October.

### **Peel River:**

Highway 8: Service begins in early June and ends in late October.

## FORT PROVIDENCE FERRY HISTORY

Mackenzie River Crossing  
Km 25 Yellowknife Hwy (NWT #3)  
Fort Providence, NWT

		Ice Road ▼		Ferry ▼	
	Light Traffic < 5 Tonne	> 60 Tonne Capacity	Closed	First Trip	Last Trip
2005 / 2006	N/A	N/A	N/A	May 12/05	N/A
2004 / 2005	Dec 06/04	Jan 06/05	Apr 19/05	May 17/04	Jan 06/05
2003 / 2004	Dec 09/03	Jan 09/04	Apr 13/04	May 17/03	Jan 09/04
2002 / 2003	Jan 13/03	Jan 27/03	Apr 18/03	May 22/02	Jan 27/03
2001 / 2002	Jan 24/02	Feb 04/02	Apr 23/02	May 12/01	Feb 04/02
2000 / 2001	Dec 21/00	Jan 15/01	Apr 15/01	May 09/00	Jan 15/01
Earliest	Nov 28/90	Jan 06/05	Apr 12/96	May 06/93	Dec 27/86
Latest	Jan 24/02	Feb 16/88	May 05/66	May 31/62	Feb 10/88
Last 5 years avg.	Dec 27	Jan 18	Apr 18	May 16	Jan 18
Last 10 years avg.	Dec 25	Jan 18	Apr 17	May 14	Jan 18
Last 15 years avg.	Dec 20	Jan 16	Apr 19	May 14	Jan 16
Last 20 years avg.	Dec 20	Jan 20	Apr 18	May 14	Jan 18
Last 25 years avg.	Dec 18	N/A	Apr 18	May 14	N/A
Last 30 years avg.	Dec 16	N/A	Apr 18	May 14	N/A
Last 35 years avg.	Dec 16	N/A	Apr 19	May 15	N/A
Last 40 years avg.	N/A	N/A	Apr 20	May 16	N/A

Source: Department of Transportation

### FERRY AND ICE ROAD INFORMATION

For up to date highway and  
ferry information, contact:

Phone: Toll Free 1-800-661-0750

Website: [www.dot.gov.nt.ca](http://www.dot.gov.nt.ca)

# Northwest Territories Map



Source: Parks and Tourism, Government of the Northwest Territories





Meet Yellowknife Resident, Catherine Pellerin...



Dave Broshta Photography

For Catherine Pellerin, Yellowknife is a wonderful place to raise children. In fact, the educational opportunities for her two children brought her here from Iqaluit 16 years ago. "This is a close, caring, tolerant community with excellent community spirit, a large volunteer and active NGO network. When people see a need, they mobilize to address it. I love the characters who live here, the history, and listening to oldtimers' stories. I particularly like that the cadets have an all-night vigil at Remembrance Day. We are a city that remembers the past." Catherine works as a legislative editor for the GNWT.



# COMMUNICATIONS

## POSTAL SERVICES

Canada Post delivers mail Monday through Friday. Postal services are provided at two outlets in Yellowknife. All residents receive one free mode of postal delivery so if a resident lives on a rural route with no mailbox or super box, the post office box will be free of charge. Post office boxes can also be rented.

For more information on hours of operation, products and services, please contact:

### Canada Post (main branch)

Phone: (867) 873-2500

Website: [www.canadapost.ca](http://www.canadapost.ca)

### Shoppers Drug Mart

Phone: (867) 873-4055

Fax: (867) 920-2012 or (867) 766-4078

## NEWSPAPERS

Local, regional, and national newspapers can be purchased locally, or viewed at the Yellowknife Public Library.

Northern News Services (NNSL) publishes newspapers both in the NWT and Nunavut. In the NWT, NNSL publishes on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. The *Yellowknifer* is published Wednesday and Friday and provides local news about Yellowknife. *News/North* is published Monday and provides local, regional and territorial news. NNSL also publishes weekly editions of the *Inuvik Drum* and the *Deh Cho Drum* in the NWT.

For more information, contact:

### Northern News Services

Phone: (867) 873-4031

Fax: (867) 873-8507

E-mail: [nnslnsl.com](mailto:nnslnsl.com)

Website: [www.nnslnsl.com](http://www.nnslnsl.com)

The French publication *L'Aquilon* is published every Thursday. For more information, contact:

### L'Aquilon

Phone: (867) 873-6603

Fax: (867) 873-2158

E-mail: [batiste@riseup.net](mailto:batiste@riseup.net)

Website: [www.aquilon.nt.ca](http://www.aquilon.nt.ca)

*Coffee Break News* is a free weekly newsletter. For more information, contact:

### Coffee Break News

Phone: (867) 920-4206

E-mail: [ted@thatwork.com](mailto:ted@thatwork.com)

## MAGAZINES

### Far North Oil & Gas

Published four times annually

### Canadian Diamonds

Published three times annually

### Up Here Explore

### Canada's Far North

Published eight times annually

### Construction North of 60°

Published annually

### Mining North

Published annually

For more information, contact:

### Up Here Publishing

Phone: (867) 920-4343

Toll Free in Canada:

1-800-661-0861

Fax: (867) 873-284

Website: [www.uphere.ca](http://www.uphere.ca)

### Above & Beyond

Published six times annually

For more information contact:

### Above & Beyond

Phone: (867) 766-2345

E-mail:

[aboveandbeyond@theedge.ca](mailto:aboveandbeyond@theedge.ca)

Website:

[www.above-n-beyond.com](http://www.above-n-beyond.com)



## VISITOR GUIDES

Information related to tourism and travel for Yellowknife and the North Slave Region can be requested from:

### Northern Frontier Visitors Centre

Phone: (867) 873-4262  
Toll Free in North America: 1-877- 881-4262  
Fax: (867) 873-3654  
E-mail: office@northernfrontier.com  
Website: www.northernfrontier.com

Travel and tourism information for the entire NWT can be requested from:

### NWT Tourism

Phone: (867) 873-5007  
Toll Free: 1-800-661-0788  
Fax: (867) 873-4059  
E-mail: info@explorenwt.com  
Website: www.explorenwt.com

## TELEVISION

### CBC North

Phone: (867) 920-5400  
Fax: (867) 920-5418  
E-mail: cbcnorth@cbc.c  
Website: www.north.cbc.ca

### Aboriginal Peoples Television Network (APTN)

Phone: (867) 873-2862  
Fax: (867) 873-3786  
E-mail: jleader@aptn.ca  
Website: www.aptn.ca

### Global Television

Phone: (867) 669-9065  
Fax: (867) 669-9066  
E-mail: Nathan.vanderklippe@globaltv.ca

## RADIO

### CBC North Radio

Phone: (867) 920-5400  
Fax: (867) 920-5418  
E-mail: cbcnorth@cbc.ca  
Website: www.north.cbc.ca

### CJCD

Phone: (867) 920-2523  
Fax: (867) 920-4033  
E-mail: info@cjcd.ca Website: www.cjcd.ca

## CIVR (Radio Taiga)

Phone: (867) 873-3292  
Fax: (867) 873-2158

## CKLB

Native Communications Society  
Phone: (867) 920-2277  
Fax: (867) 920-4205  
E-mail: ncs@ncsnwt.com  
Website: www.ncsnwt.com

## TELECOMMUNICATIONS

The majority of the technological companies operating and serving the entire territory are based in Yellowknife. Major firms, such as SSI Micro, NewNorth Networks, and Ardicom supply satellite, telecommunications, and networking technologies. Northwestel also provides telecommunications services to residents across the territory.

Northwestel Cable provides cable television and cable Internet services.

For more information, contact:

### Northwestel Cable

Phone: (867) 669-5469  
Fax: (867) 920-2331  
E-mail: nwtelcable@theedge.ca  
Website: www.theedge.ca/cable

## TELEPHONE

Northwestel serves customers across the Northwest Territories and provides residential and business services including: long-distance calling plans; 1-800 numbers, tele- and video conferencing, dial-up and high-speed internet, calling cards, and pre-paid phone cards.

For information, contact:

**Local Directory Assistance:** 411

**Customer service centre:** 1-888-423-2333

**Long distance directory assistance:**

1-(area code)-555-1212

**Business care centre:** (867) 669-5454 (Toll Free)

**Repair services:** 611

**Fax:** (867) 668-8110

**E-mail:** customerservice@nwtel.ca

**Website:** www.nwtel.ca



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# Fun FACTS



**We're the Coolest!** Yellowknife stole First Place as the overall "Year Round Coldest" city in Canada according to Environment Canada's recent report.

**We're the Sunniest!** Not only are we "Cool", we're "Bright" too. Environment Canada also reported Yellowknife as the sunniest Canadian City.

**We golf at Midnight!** Yeah, that's right. Tee-off at Midnight in our world famous Canadian North Midnight Sun Golf Tournament held every year during summer solstice.

**We're Hooked!** ... on the world class trophy fishing just minutes from town on Great Slave Lake, the 5th largest lake in North America.

**We've got the Greatest Natural Light Show on Earth!** ... and each year, over 15,000 Japanese visitors confirm that we're the best place in the world to view the Aurora Borealis.

**We Rock!** Yellowknife sits on some of the oldest rocks in the World - over 2.5 billion years!

**We're Raven Mad!** We have one of the largest concentrations of ravens in North America (approximately 2,000).

**And... We're Brilliant!!!**

... We're home to the largest staking rush in Canadian history...by 2007, the Northwest Territories expects to be producing over 15%, by value, of the world's gemstone diamonds.