



Media Fact Sheet

Metro Vancouver – Profile

Physical Characteristics

- Canada's third largest urban area
- Located in British Columbia, Canada's westernmost province, the region covers nearly 2,900 square kilometers, bordered by the Pacific Ocean to the west, the U.S. border to the south, the valley of the Fraser River to the east and the Coastal Mountains to the north.
- 60% of the region is protected "green" areas: Agricultural lands, major destination parks, neighbourhood parks and recreation areas, greenways and other open spaces.
 - 130,000 trees (of 600 different species) line the City of Vancouver's streets
- The Skytrain system of public transit is the world's longest automated light rapid transit system
- 39 bridges and 11 tunnels connect the region's many municipalities and neighborhoods

Location and Climate

- Seattle, Washington is 226km to the south; Calgary, Alberta is 975km to the east.
- Location of the City: 49°16' N 123°7' W
 - Same latitude as Budapest, Munich, Paris, Zurich
 - Similar longitude as Seattle, San Francisco, Tijuana
- Altitude: Sea Level to 167 metres (Grouse Mountain: 1,100 m above the City)
- Temperatures averaging around 3 degrees Celsius in January and 18 in July
- The average precipitation is 150mm in January and 36mm in July

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