

# City of Lloydminster – Community Overview

Straddling the border of Alberta and Saskatchewan, Lloydminster has the distinction of being Canada's only Border City. Four deep orange, 100-foot-high markers running north-south on 50<sup>th</sup> Avenue (Hwy. 17) mark the provincial boundary lines. Housing about 35,000 residents, Lloydminster is a small and transient city; about two thirds live on the Alberta side, one third on the Saskatchewan side. The Border City depends heavily on the price of oil and gas for its livelihood. Situated in northern prairie and ranch land, Lloydminster supports a large agricultural community with a drawing area of over 100,000 people. It is located roughly halfway between Edmonton, AB and Saskatoon, SK; it's about a two-hour drive to either city.



The town's hospital contains 163 beds and is operated by the Saskatchewan Health Authority. Numerous doctors and specialists provide services in several clinics, and there are several locations for imaging services, as well as a walk-in DynaLife clinic. Lloydminster Public School Division offers 10 schools: six elementary, three middle and two high schools (Avery Outreach is for at-risk youth). Pictured at left, the newest school hosts Grades K-9. Lloydminster Catholic School Division offers six schools: one pre-K to Grade 2, four K to Grade 7 (one with French Immersion), and one Grade 8-12 high school, also offering French Immersion. Both school divisions operate under Saskatchewan Education but are funded by both provinces. Lakeland College offers several trades programs, as well as a university entrance and business program.

Lloydminster hosts at least 25 churches, most of which are Protestant/evangelical. There's also a Mosque, a Kingdom Hall, a congregation of Latter-day Saints, as well as Seventh Day Adventist. In recent years, several Filipino fellowships have been planted to serve the growing population of Philippine immigrants. Many service clubs also operate in Lloydminster, including two Rotary clubs, the Kinsmen/Kinettes, the Legion, Big Brothers Big Sisters, to name a few. There is also a community youth centre and services for first nations peoples, and for those with disabilities.



As for amenities, Lloydminster has a centrally located shopping mall, and a large shopping area on the west end of town (Alberta side) including Canadian Tire, Walmart, Best Buy and Home Depot. Tim Hortons now has five stores, and they're located in each quadrant of the city. An abundance of restaurants caters to nearly every food preference, from many standard fast-food chains to sit-down places featuring Greek, Italian, Indian, Asian and North American cuisine. Year-round and seasonal farmers' markets are hosted in both indoor and outdoor locations. Entertainment options include a recently

renovated six-theatre movie complex, a bowling alley, adventure and game stores, a beginner/novice ski hill 20 minutes southwest of town, and the Lloydminster Bobcats Junior A hockey team.

Over two dozen parks grace the city, capped off by the Bud Miller All Seasons Park, a 200-acre playground with numerous amenities, including an indoor swimming and wave pool complete with a waterslide. There is also an outdoor pool for the summer months. Drive 15 minutes north of town to enjoy the waters of Sandy Beach and play a round of golf on its nine holes. The Lloydminster Golf and Country Club in the city's northeast corner boasts 18 holes, as does the Rolling Green Fairway a few minutes west of town.



For a city of its size, Lloydminster is reasonably well equipped, and larger centres east or west are only a couple of hours away. **It has a small town feel with big city amenities.** As with any community, a broken world gives many opportunities to connect people with the love of Jesus and His transforming power. We are trusting that Jesus will lead us in effectively sharing His gospel with the community. The mission field is truly all around us!

## Fast Facts:

- ❖ *Lloydminster was established by the Barr Colonists as two towns which amalgamated into one in 1903, two years before both Alberta and Saskatchewan joined Confederation in 1905*
- ❖ *The Border City and surrounding community is home to 11 NHL players including Cory Cross, Braden Holtby, and Wade Redden*
- ❖ *Lloydminster is named after Reverend Lloyd and the word **minster** (not minister), meaning "mother church"*
- ❖ *Lloydminster follows Mountain Standard Time throughout the year (communities further east of the city follow Central Standard Time, which doesn't change throughout the year)*
- ❖ *SK Provincial Sales Tax of 5% is NOT charged at businesses on the Saskatchewan side of the border (however, SK residents pay PST on their utility bills and on products shipped to their address)*

## Links to sites in Lloydminster:

City of Lloydminster

<https://www.lloydminster.ca/en/index.aspx>

Lloydminster Chamber of Commerce

<https://www.lloydminsterchamber.com/>

Lloydminster Public School Division

<https://www.lpsd.ca/>

Lloydminster Catholic School Division

<https://www.lcsd.ca/>

Lloydminster Public Library

<https://www.lloydminster.info/index.php/en-ca/>