

# Benefits of Living in Rural Saskatchewan

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Saskatchewan Association of Immigrant Settlement and Integration Agencies



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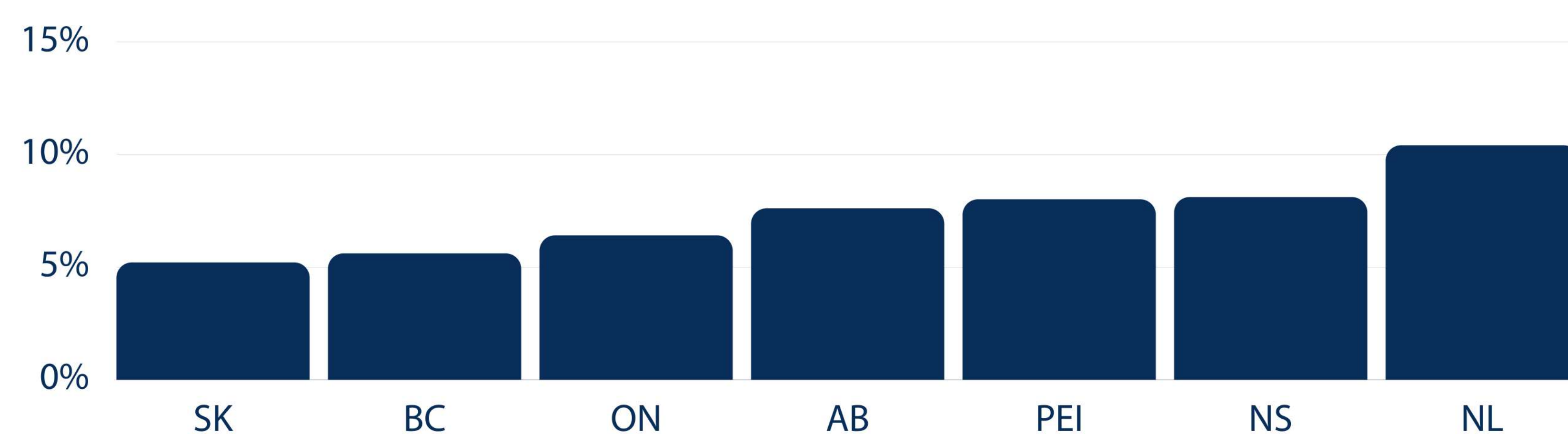
Saskatchewan offers all newcomers a high quality of life, a strong sense of community, and employment opportunities - making it a great place for families to call home.

## CANADIAN UNEMPLOYMENT RATES & INCOME

Saskatchewan has maintained low unemployment rates and currently remains lower than 6 other provinces in Canada with the lowest commute time to work. (Statistics Canada, 2021e)

Saskatchewan has 296 Rural Municipalities and a long history of welcoming newcomers to friendly and affordable small towns. 35% of Saskatchewan's population lives in a rural area – one of the highest rates of rural living in Canada.

### Canadian Unemployment Rates, November 2021 | Statistics Canada, 2021e



In August 2021, 10,100 people gained work, a 1.8% increase, which represented the largest percentage increase out of all the other provinces. (Government of Saskatchewan, 2021d)

### Population Growth

Population **grew by 6.3%**

**Immigration**  
Immigration increased from **48,160 in 2006 to 112,490 in 2016**

**Visible minority**  
The visible minority population has increased from **3.8% in 2006 to 10.8% in 2016**

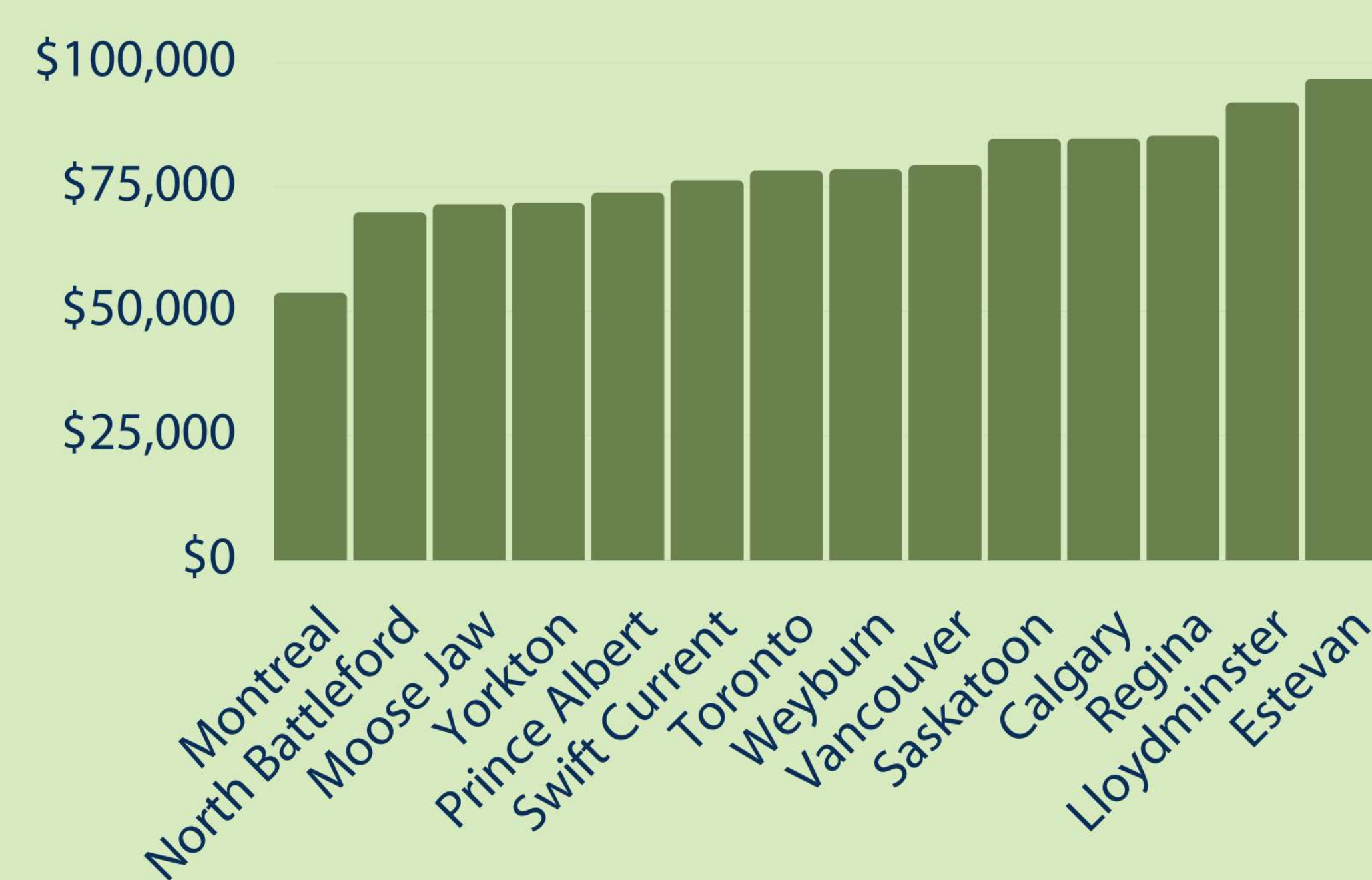
**French Language**  
**1.4% speak French** as their first language

**Fastest Growing Languages**  
Between 2011 and 2016:  
**Tagalog** increased by **9,055**  
**Punjabi** increased by **3,040**  
**Urdu** increased by **2,910**

### Average Household Incomes in Rural Saskatchewan vs. Major Urban Centres in Canada

In rural Saskatchewan, opportunities in resource extraction, trades, and manufacturing enable families to live comfortably.

#### Average Household Income



### Family-Friendly Attractions

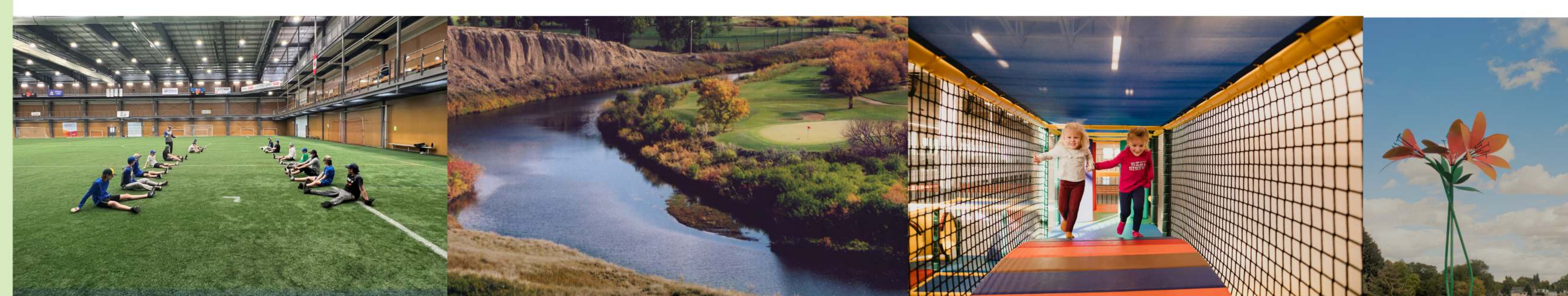
- T. Rex Discovery Centre
- Tunnels of Moose Jaw
- Fort Walsh National Historic Site
- The Great Sandhills
- Kinsmen Water Park
- Western Development Museum
- Prince Albert National Park
- Soo Line Historical Museum
- Grasslands National Park
- Batoche National Historic Site
- The Crooked Trees

### Did You Know?

Saskatchewan has 100,000 lakes to explore. Estevan is one of the sunniest places in Canada, receiving 2,499.9 hours of sunshine per year.

Moose Jaw ranked #3 in a list of Canada's Top 10 Coolest Downtowns.

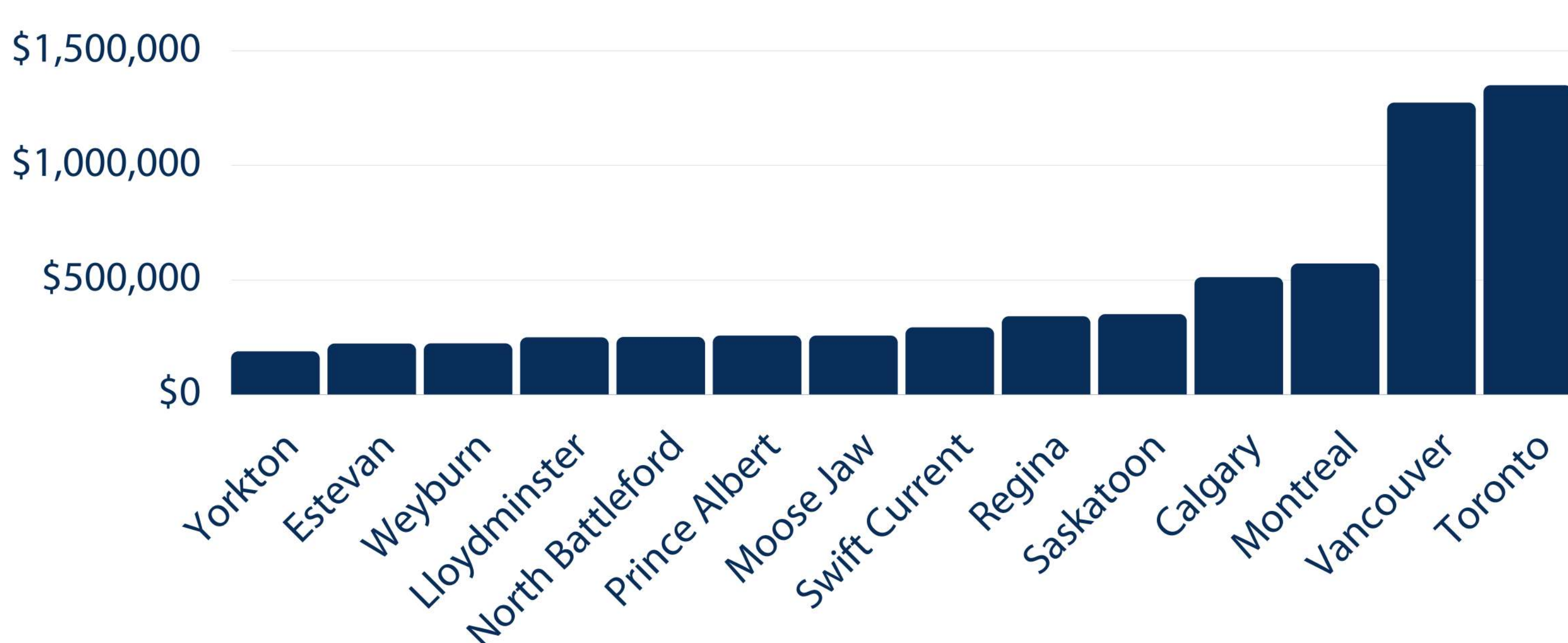
Saskatchewan has one of Canada's youngest populations. The average age in Canada is 41.1 years, compared with 39 in Saskatchewan and 38 in Estevan, 35 in Prince Albert, and 34 in Lloydminster.



## CANADIAN AVERAGE HOUSING

Average home prices in rural Saskatchewan are much more affordable than those of Canada's major urban centres, enabling many families to own their first home earlier.

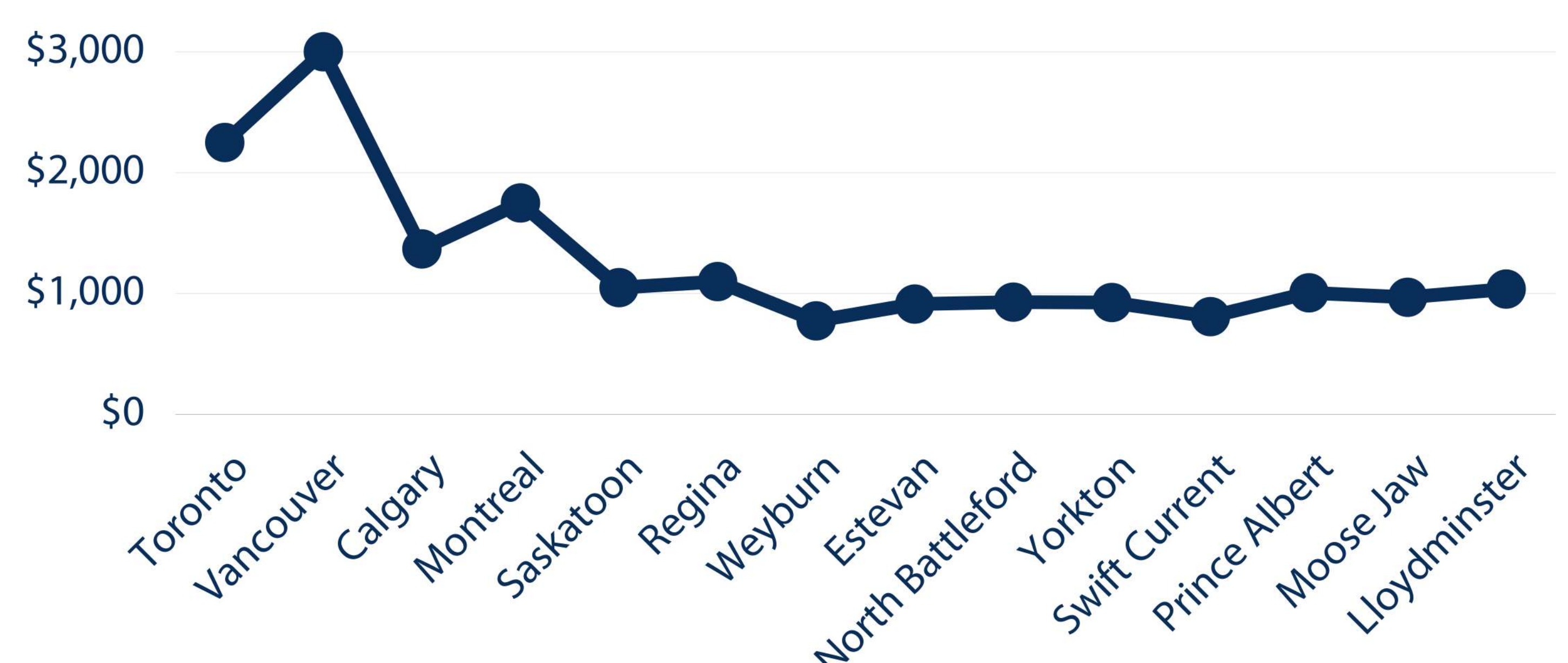
### Average Canadian Home Price



## CANADIAN AVERAGE RENTAL RATES

The average cost of renting a 2-bedroom unit is much lower in Saskatchewan's smaller cities and towns than in Canada's largest urban centres. Lower rental rates free up income to advance your family's quality of life.

### Average Rental Rates



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