

COME HOME TO **PENTICTON** & REGION

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"There is something about having lunch on a Wednesday at an award winning winery that makes a business meeting that much more enjoyable."
Sarah, Penticton

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Waterfronts with expansive beaches, sparkling lake water, and waterfront playgrounds.

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Season playground with great weather year round to swim, boat, bike, hike, quad, hunt, ski, golf, snowshoe, and rock climb.

450

Kilometers of spectacular hiking, biking and riding on the famous Kettle Valley Trail.

2000

Hours of sunshine annually.

67

Number of trails at Apex Mountain Resort, just a short drive from Penticton.



Lifestyle

We live where other people come for holidays. We have one of the best year-round climates in Canada making it easy to enjoy our two beautiful lakes, acres of parks and wilderness trails, and local mountains. We also have world class wineries, award winning restaurants, neighbourhood brew pubs, outdoor markets, festivals, parades and ski areas - plus entertainment and recreation facilities right in town.

2012 BEST PLACE TO VISIT
Huffington Post

2011 TRAVELLER'S CHOICE AWARDS,
BEST BEACHES
Trip Advisor

There is more time to enjoy life here in Penticton, because everything we do is close by. Instead of driving we spend our time with family and friends, at the lakes, shopping downtown (lots of parking), catching a show, getting a bottle of wine from a winery, and going to the markets for amazing local foods. We have the time to do as much, or as little, as we want.



Employment

Penticton has won awards as a place to develop careers and launch new ventures. Our large employers like Interior Health and Okanagan College are breaking new ground using state of the art technology. Local industrial manufacturers like Waycon and Slimline are shipping custom products around the world, and our growing wine and tourism industries need people with a broad range of skills.

We have entrepreneurial opportunities and support programs for both online and bricks and mortar businesses. Penticton is close to major markets in Canada and the US, plus has a robust retail and hospitality trade.

If your business or career needs access to a larger centre you will find Kelowna is just 45 minutes away and Vancouver is less than an hour's flight from our Penticton airport.

2013 MOST
ENTREPRENEURIAL
CITY IN BC
Canadian Federation of
Independent Business

2013 OPEN FOR
BUSINESS AWARD
BC Small Business
Roundtable

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Top industries sectors
in Penticton are:

- Health & Education (21%)
- Manufacturing & Construction (19%)
- Wholesale & Retail Trade (16%)
- Tourism (16%)

77

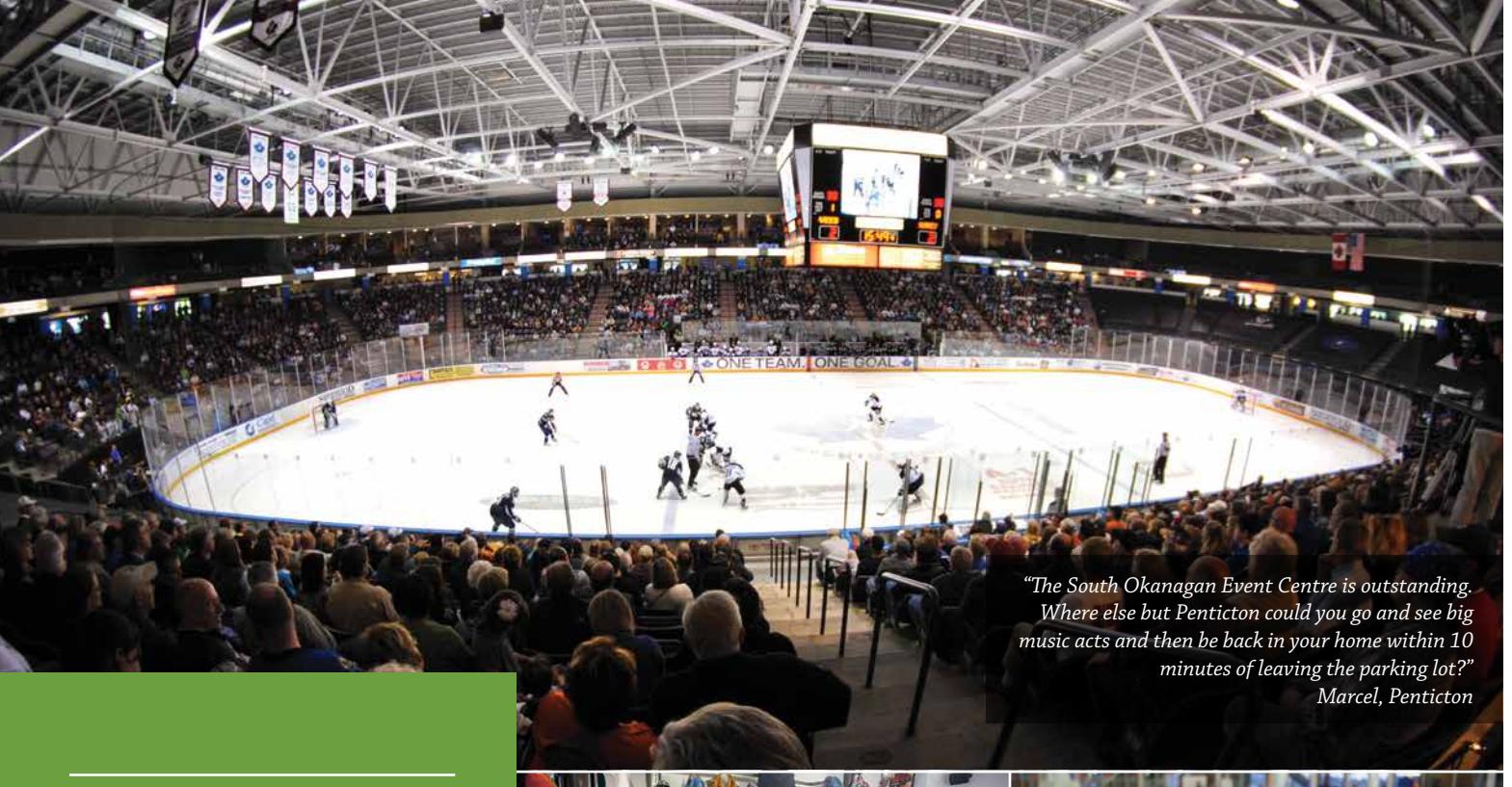
Local businesses use our vibrant Cowork Penticton facility downtown.

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Hour max drive time from Penticton to all the key job areas in the region between Kelowna and the US border.

107

Number of years the Penticton & Wine Country Chamber of Commerce has been supporting businesses in Penticton.



"The South Okanagan Event Centre is outstanding. Where else but Penticton could you go and see big music acts and then be back in your home within 10 minutes of leaving the parking lot?"
Marcel, Penticton

122+

Events a year at Penticton's South Okanagan Event Centre including hockey, concerts and more.

4+

City blocks packed with one of the largest Farmers and Community Markets in Canada, every Saturday from May to October.

395+

Downtown businesses making shopping downtown a vibrant and full service experience.

50+

Stores and services at Cherry Lane, the South Okanagan's largest indoor shopping centre.

230+

Potential golfing days a year on ten local golf courses.



Amenities

In Penticton we like to be fit and have fun. Our new community centre features a kids' play pool and water slide, hot tub and sauna, plus a 25 meter lap pool. There are also fitness centres, running and biking trails, skating rinks, and yoga and dance studios. Join one of our local clubs for fitness, running, cycling, baseball, swimming, soccer, hiking or hockey to keep fit with friends.

2013 BEST PLACES IN CANADA
Canadian Institute of Planners Nomination for Penticton Farmers' Market

Our modern South Okanagan Events Centre seats up to 5,000 for hockey games, concerts with performers like Carrie Underwood and Rihanna, plus shows ranging from Cirque Du Soleil to monster truck and motocross events.

We see Hollywood releases in 3D at the 7 screen multiplex and we enjoy theatre, dance, and music in live theatre venues. Plus we have pubs, night clubs and the casino.



Education

Raising our kids is important to us and opportunities for a good education are a large part of that. Our public school system has elementary, middle, and high schools with modern facilities and programs in sciences, arts, extra-curricular sports, and French immersion. There are alternate options available as well including Montessori, école Entre-lacs, and private schools.

After school there are plenty of opportunities for our young people with recreational and competitive sport, music, dance, and arts programs. Plus there are over 50 parks, playgrounds and beaches because kids need time off too.

Okanagan College's modern Penticton campus offers university transfer courses, and certificate programs including business admin, technical and construction trades, nursing, and others. University completion programs are available at UBCO less than an hour from Penticton.

"The faculty and students have a unique bond that allows them to create a community that helps every student feel supported through their studies. My time at Okanagan College was by far the best experience I have had in my education."

Natasha Diuorio

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Public Schools in Penticton:

- 6 elementary schools (K-5)
 - 3 middle schools (6-8)
 - 2 secondary schools (9-12)
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85%

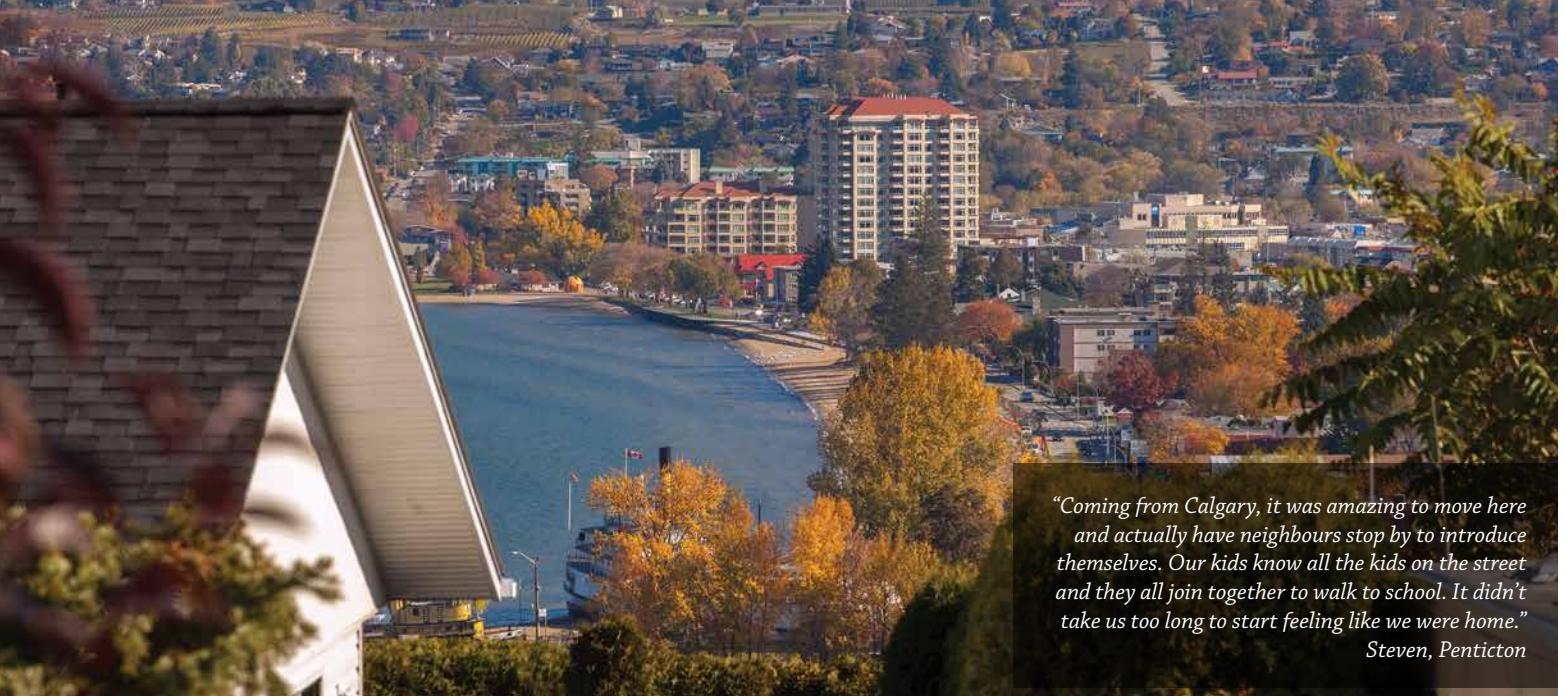
Graduation rate in Penticton's School District 67 which is higher than the Provincial average.

15.3

Average years of experience among teachers in Penticton's School District 67.

1

Okanagan College Campus in Penticton with career and university transfer programs.



"Coming from Calgary, it was amazing to move here and actually have neighbours stop by to introduce themselves. Our kids know all the kids on the street and they all join together to walk to school. It didn't take us too long to start feeling like we were home."

Steven, Penticton

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Ways to say wow with lake, valley and mountain views from vantage points across the city.

230

Lots in the new, non-strata subdivision Sendero Canyon now under construction at the top of Lawrence Avenue in Penticton.

81%

Respondents who own their own home in the 2013 Penticton Citizen Survey.

10

Minutes drive from one end of Penticton to the other. Everything you need, want, and do, is close at hand no matter where you live.



Housing

Some of us like to live close to the vibe of downtown. Others enjoy a great view, or need a bit of space and privacy. Some of us like our neighbours to be our friends for backyard barbeques and the occasional helping hand.

In Penticton you can choose all of these and more. Live within walking distance of downtown or one of the beaches. Or settle on a quiet lot with a view and still be just ten minutes from shopping and activities.

We have options for all preferences and budgets, each with the sense of community that comes from living in a small city. It doesn't take long for your kids to know the neighbourhood, you to know your neighbours, and share in our sense of place and pride for Penticton.

2013 MAIN STREET MATTERS AWARD WINNER
Benjamin Moore



Safety & Health

A sense of safety and belonging are important to us in Penticton. The RCMP detachment based in Penticton focuses its efforts on pro-active policing throughout the community. Programs like Crime Stoppers, Lock Out Auto Crime and Citizens on Patrol are ways that local police work with Penticton residents to maintain a safe community.

Help is never far away in Penticton with police, fire and ambulance in town with quick access to all parts of the city.

Many doctors and health care professionals are part of our community. Specialists are available for maternity, pediatrics, orthodontics, surgery, and more. The Penticton Regional Hospital is a full service facility with a 24/7 emergency department. Physicians and patients have local access to the medical professionals and the equipment they need to perform CT scans, MRI's, endoscopies, surgeries and other procedures.

"Penticton's Hospital has one of the finest reputations in Canada for excellence, state of the art equipment, and a collaborative multi-disciplinary approach to health care."

Janice Perrino,
Chair, Regional
Hospital District

24/7

Hours and days of the week that the Emergency Department at Penticton Regional Hospital is open.

129

Physicians live and work here.

8

Minutes and twelve seconds is the average ambulance response time anywhere in Penticton.

2

Firehalls with professional firefighters on duty 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

100's

Of specialists, physiotherapists, massage therapists, alternative medicine specialists, acupuncturists, and fitness coaches.



Learn more about making
Penticton your new home base

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