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SIGNATURE EVENTS

Yellowknifers love festivals, and we have plenty of them year-round. Some of the larger events include:

- Folk on the Rocks – Blending northern and southern sounds to create an incredibly special event. www.folkontherocks.com
- NWT Pride – The only festival celebrating LGBTQ+ people in the Northwest Territories! www.rainbowcoalitionyk.org
- Old Town Rumble & Ride – An arts and cultural tour of Yellowknife’s historic heart. www.oldtownyk.com
- Snow King Winter Festival – During the month of March, enjoy this beautiful castle of snow. www.snowking.ca
- Long John Jamboree – Ice sculptures, fireworks and crazy contests. www.longjohnjamboree.ca
- NAKA – A celebration of aurora and culture. www.yellowknife.ca/naka

Find more events at www.yellowknife.ca/calendar

VISITOR SERVICES

Visitor services are located in the main level of City Hall and offered over the phone, by mail, email and through social media (Facebook & Instagram). Visit www.extraordinaryyk.com

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Contact the City of Yellowknife
communications@yellowknife.ca
(867) 920-5660

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### AVERAGE INCOME

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(Statistics Canada)

In 2017 GDP in the Northwest Territories (NWT) increased by 5.1%, stronger than at any point since 2007. The largest contributor to this growth was increased mine production. Mine production in 2017 was up 37% from 2016 to $2.07 billion, of which diamonds account for 99.5 percent of the value.

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The Giant Mine Remediation Project, located just outside of Yellowknife’s city centre is expected to cost nearly $1 billion dollars, much of which will likely be spent in Yellowknife. Procurement opportunities are being managed by Public Works and Government Services Canada.

In 2017/18, the Giant Mine Remediation Project was awarded approximately 300 kilometres northeast of Yellowknife.

### TAXES

- **203.4 million dollars** was collected from NWT’s economy from tourism-related spending in 2017/18.
- **112,530 people** visited NWT. Of those 76,730 (68%) were leisure visitors and 36,800 (32%) traveling business. 45% of leisure visitors indicated their main purpose of travel was for Aurora Viewing. Followed by General Touring and Visiting Friends & Relatives.5

### FACILITIES AND SERVICES

As a capital city, Yellowknife has a hospital, as well as a number of medical and dental clinics. From law and accounting to massage therapy, Yellowknife has just about any service you’d find in a larger city.

### GREAT PLACE TO RAISE KIDS

Yellowknife is a young community with a median age of 34.8. With so many young families, there is a wide range of schooling options, including public and Catholic education systems, as well as early-year and primary Montessori, French and French immersion.

There are also incredible national and international sports and cultural opportunities for children in Yellowknife, from playing sports at the Canada Summer Games to performing at the Canadian Arctic Winter Games.

Get a taste of YK life at the City’s YouTube channel – www.youtube.com/cityofyellowknife

### CELEBRATING OUR RESIDENTS

The people who call Yellowknife their home create the cultural vibrancy and make the city a fantastic place to live. This is why we celebrate Yellowknifers in our many campaigns.

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1. miningnorth.com/chamber-news
3. GNWT: Industry, Tourism and Investment
5. CMHC Rental Market Report (Fall 2018)