

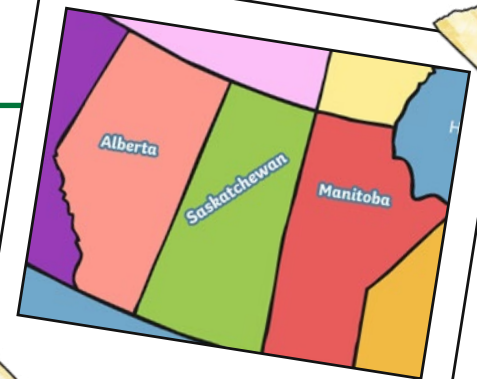
Saskatchewan

Fast Facts:

- **Motto:** "From many peoples strength"
- **Population:** 1.18 million
- **Geographic size:** 652,330km²
- **Capital city:** Regina
- **Largest city:** Saskatoon
- **Provincial animal:** White-tailed deer
- **Provincial flower:** Western red lily
- **Provincial tree:** White birch

Location:

Saskatchewan is one of the prairie provinces located in western Canada. It is completely landlocked, with the Northwest Territories to the north, Alberta to its west, Manitoba to its east and Montana and North Dakota to its south.



Flag:



Saskatchewan's flag is green on top, and gold on the bottom. The two colours were chosen to represent the forests of Northern Saskatchewan and the grain fields of the south. On the top left corner is the province's shield of arms and on the right is Saskatchewan's provincial flower, the western red lily.

Geography:

Much like its provincial flag, Saskatchewan geography is divided into two. To the north, is the Canadian shield which is covered with boreal forest. In the south, are the flat grasslands that the prairies are known for. Saskatchewan is also home to an incredible 100 000 lakes.



Indigenous people:

Indigenous peoples have inhabited the region for thousands of years. Today, they comprise 16.3% of the province's population. There are 70 First Nations in Saskatchewan, representing the 5 linguistic groups of: Cree, Dakota, Dene (Chipewyan), Nakota (Assiniboine) and Saulteaux.

Did you know?

- The province's name is derived from the Cree word for the Saskatchewan River "Kisiskatchewanisipi," which means "swift-flowing river."
- Saskatchewan is known as "Canada's bread basket," and produces over 54% of Canada's wheat. Due to its abundance of fertile land, agriculture is a major part of the province's economy.
- Saskatchewan has some incredible purple sandy beaches. Thought to be the result of garnet deposits, purple sand can be found at Hunter Bay, Candle Lake and Prince Albert National Park just to name a few.
- Saskatchewan has two national parks and 39 provincial parks.
- Regina, the capital of Saskatchewan, is also the home of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP). Since 1885, all RCMP cadets have undergone training at the RCMP Depot Division.



Check for Understanding

1. What is the largest city in Saskatchewan?
2. What is the name of Saskatchewan's provincial flower, the one that is also depicted on its flag?
3. What percentage of Saskatchewan's population is Indigenous?
4. What is the origin of Saskatchewan's name?
5. What grain is grown widely in Saskatchewan?