

Commuting in Canada during the COVID-19 pandemic: What changed from 2016 to 2021?

In 2021, 13 million Canadians 2016 commuted to work: 2021

by car, truck or van

12.6 million

on public transit

2 million

by walking or riding a bicycle

1.1 million

811,000

1 million

using other means 194,000 286,000

This represents **2.8 million** fewer commuters than in 2016, a decrease of **17.8%**.

In 2021, **4.2 million** people worked at home (24.3%), over **3 times** the 2016 level.



7.4%2016



In 2021, **11 million** Canadians commuted to work by car, truck or van, either as a driver or a passenger.

This represents a decline of 13.2% from 2016.



Changes in commuting in large cities

| | MONTRÉAL | TORONTO | VANCOUVER | QUÉBEC | OTTAWA-GATINEAU | WINNIPEG | CALGARY | EDMONTON | |
|--|----------|---------|-----------|--------|-----------------|----------|---------|----------|--|
| Car commuting times in minutes, 2021 | 24.9 | 27.6 | 25.6 | 19.5 | 22.8 | 21.5 | 22.7 | 23.0 | |
| Change from 2016 (in minutes) | -1.9 | -2.7 | -1.7 | -1.8 | -2.1 | -1.2 | -1.4 | -1.2 | |
| % change in number of public transit commuters from 2016 | -43.0% | -56.5% | -38.1% | -43.6% | -63.6% | -45.9% | -58.7% | -55.2% | |

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