

Montreal Metropolitan Community

Country → Netherlands
World Region → Europe

Population → 4.6 million
Area → 4374km²



Context

Montréal, Quebec's largest city, is governed by the Ville de Montréal, which includes 19 boroughs, each managing local services and urban planning. The Montreal Metropolitan Community spans 82 municipalities, coordinating metropolitan planning, economic development, and infrastructure. Established by provincial law, the community has a formal structure with a governing board of elected representatives from its member municipalities.



Economic profile

GDP AS % OF NATIONAL GDP 8.1%

WORLD BANK INCOME GROUP High income

GDP PER CAPITA 60,070 USD

Major economic activities: Aerospace, life sciences and biotechnology, information technology and artificial intelligence, transportation and logistics, creative industries, finance, manufacturing, tourism, green economy, education, and research.

Own source revenues: Investment income, surpluses metropolitan development funds, social housing funds.



Governance structure

YEAR OF CONSTITUTION 2001

TYPE OF METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT Metropolitan government

Legal framework: The Montreal Metropolitan Community (CMM) operates under Canadian federal law, including the Constitution Act of 1982, which defines powers between federal and provincial governments. The Quebec government establishes the framework for metropolitan governance through the Act Respecting the Communauté Métropolitaine de Montreal (2000), granting the CMM authority over regional planning, public transport, and urban development.

Administrative structure: The CMM council, composed of municipal representatives, including mayors, operates under an indirect election model. An executive committee oversees operations, while specialised departments implement strategies. The mayor of Montreal typically serves as chair, selected through internal council processes.

Annual revenue, expenditure and sources: Total revenue of \$139,95 million USD, sourced from municipal contributions, conditional transfers, investment income, surpluses, and long-term financing. Expenditures equalled \$139,95 million USD, allocated to housing, land and natural resource protection, metropolitan facilities, general administration, and debt servicing.

Number and type of administrative units: 82 municipalities.



Key strategic plans



STRATEGIC

Metropolitan Land Use and Development Plan



RESILIENCE

Metropolitan Climate Plan 2023-2025



INNOVATION

Metropolitan Economic Development Plan