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Ottawa vs Edmonton

Ottawa detached prices dipped about 3% in a year while renewals reset to higher payments.

$253,600 more for a typical detached home in Ottawa

Average detached price, Ottawa, September 2026	**$823,449** (-3.1% in a year)
Average detached price, Edmonton, September 2026	**$569,820** (+2.8% in a year)

EXAMPLE SELL-AND-MOVE BUDGET

Sale price	**$823,000**
Selling costs (5%)	**- $41,200**
Mortgage owed (60%)	**- $494,000**
Cash left	**$288,300**
Typical Edmonton detached	**$569,820**
New mortgage	**$281,500**
Payment on $494,000	**$2,734/mo**
Payment on new mortgage	**$1,558/mo**

> Example only: owes 60% of value, 5% selling costs, 4.5% over 25 years. Your numbers will differ; talk to a mortgage broker.

Your Edmonton match

In Ottawa	Try in Edmonton	Why
The Glebe	Garneau, Highlands	Character homes near festivals and the river
Westboro	Westmount, 124 Street	Shops and cafes on a main street
Kanata / Barrhaven	Windermere, Heritage Valley	Family suburbs with newer homes

SOURCES

- WOWA Ottawa report (OREB and CREA data): https://wowa.ca/ottawa-housing-market
- Bank of Canada, Staff Analytical Note 2025-21: How will mortgage payments change at renewal?: https://www.bankofcanada.ca/2025/07/staff-analytical-note-2025-21/

> **Free planning call:** talk through your options, Edmonton areas and timing with RealEstateYEG. Call or text our line at 587-400-4668.

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Your move from Ottawa

Distance	about 3,550 km
Drive time	4 to 5 days of driving
Route	West through the Ottawa Valley and North Bay to Highway 17 or 11, then Winnipeg and the Yellowhead (Highway 16).
Moving cost	Full-service movers for a 3-bedroom home across Canada often quote about $6,000 to $12,000. Containers or shared trucks can cost less.

> Public servants: check whether your department allows remote work from Alberta, or look at provincial jobs in Edmonton.

FUN STOPS ON THE WAY

- The Ottawa Valley and North Bay
- Lake Superior's north shore (Agawa Bay and Pukaskwa National Park)
- The Sleeping Giant lookout near Thunder Bay
- Kenora and Lake of the Woods
- The Forks in Winnipeg
- Saskatoon's riverbank trails
- Lloydminster, the city that sits on the Saskatchewan-Alberta border

8 TO 12 WEEKS BEFORE

- ☐ Talk to a mortgage broker and get pre-approved for Edmonton
- ☐ Get 3 written moving quotes (full-service, container, and do-it-yourself)
- ☐ Book a 2 to 3 day scouting trip, or video tours with us
- ☐ Ask your employer about remote work or a transfer

4 TO 6 WEEKS BEFORE

- ☐ Pick a moving date and book movers
- ☐ Sell or donate what you won't use: every box costs money to ship
- ☐ Ask your school for records and plan school registration in Edmonton
- ☐ Find a vet, family doctor waitlist and daycare options

1 TO 2 WEEKS BEFORE

- ☐ Forward your mail with Canada Post
- ☐ Book utilities in Edmonton: Alberta lets you pick your electricity and gas retailer
- ☐ Pack a first-night box: sheets, kettle, chargers, tools, toilet paper
- ☐ Plan your road trip stops and hotels

FIRST MONTH IN EDMONTON

- ☐ Register for Alberta health care within 3 months
- ☐ Get your Alberta driver's licence and vehicle registration at a registry agent
- ☐ Switch your car insurance to an Alberta policy
- ☐ Put winter tires on before November