

Parked at the intersection of the Mid-Continent Trade and Transportation Corridor and Canada's Asia-Pacific Gateway, Winnipeg is the only major city between Thunder Bay and Vancouver with direct rail connections to the United States. We also feature rail access to the northern seaport of Churchill, the 24-hour Winnipeg James Armstrong Richardson International Airport and some of Canada's biggest trucking firms.

## TRANSPORTATION & DISTRIBUTION

### A GROWING SECTOR

More than 45,000 people are employed within 5,880 business establishments active in warehousing and distribution; logistics; air, road and rail transportation; and transit operations.

The sector is experiencing stable growth

The air, road and rail transportation component employs more than 15,700

Employment in urban transit systems increased by 81 per cent between 2009 and 2014

Employment related to general freight trucking grew 21 per cent between 2009 and 2014

The Winnipeg sector is integrated with the larger transportation and distribution sector in Manitoba, which employs more than 56,000 workers.

### WINNIPEG'S ADVANTAGES

With ready access to global markets through a robust global transportation and logistics infrastructure, Winnipeg is located at the junction of the Asia-Pacific Gateway and the Mid-Continent Trade and Transportation Corridor. Through a system of interconnecting highways and rail routes, these corridors provide seamless and efficient access to Asian, Canadian, U.S. and Mexican markets. Winnipeg is the only city on the Canadian Prairies with access to three major rail lines: CN, CP and BNSF.

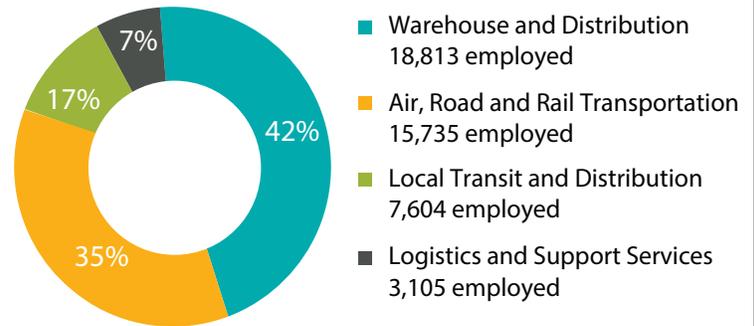
Headquarters of six of Canada's largest trucking companies

Port of Churchill (north of Winnipeg), North America's only deepwater Arctic seaport

CentrePort Canada (inland port), Canada's first designated foreign trade zone (FTZ), positions Winnipeg as an ideal location for intermediate goods processing and distribution

Competitive and stable wage rates

### Transportation and Distribution Sector Employment (2014)



Source: Statistics Canada

The Emerson-Pembina border crossing is Western Canada's most significant (the fifth-ranked gateway for trade by road between the U.S. and Canada)

Diesel fuel prices are lower than most Canadian cities

Zero provincial aviation fuel tax on international flights and low provincial aviation fuel tax rate on aviation fuel for commercial cargo flights

Among the lowest published electricity rates in North America

### Education and Training

Three major post-secondary educational institutions—the University of Manitoba, the University of Winnipeg and Red River College—are located in Winnipeg, with combined enrollment of more than 42,000 full-time students. These institutions offer a variety of programs in transportation logistics, distribution and management.

### Supportive Governments

Government partners offer an array of local, provincial and national programs that provide financial assistance like tax credits, tax incentives, training assistance, R&D assistance, loan guarantees and wage subsidies. Governments are also active partners through investment in industry-applied research capacity.

### Key industry leaders located in Winnipeg:

