

Appendix A:

Important and Commemorative days

<https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/services/important-commemorative-days.html>

[Ontario's celebrations and commemorations | ontario.ca](https://www.ontario.ca)

January

- [Tamil Heritage Month](#)
- **January 4**
National Ribbon Skirt Day
- **January 17**
[Raoul Wallenberg Day](#)
- **January 24**
[World Day for African and Afrodescendant Culture](#)
- **January 27**
[International Holocaust Remembrance Day](#)
- **January 29**
[National Day of Remembrance of the Quebec City Mosque Attack and Action Against Islamophobia](#)

February

- [Black History Month](#)
- **February 20 (Third Monday in February)**
Family Day (Ontario)
- **February 15**
[National Flag of Canada Day](#)

March

- [Irish Heritage Month](#)
- [Bangladeshi Heritage Month*](#)
- **March 8**
[International Women's Day](#)
- **March 14**
[Commonwealth Day](#)
- **March 17***
[Irish Heritage Day](#)
- **March 21**
[International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination](#)
- **March 31**
[International Transgender Day of Visibility](#)

April

- [Sikh Heritage Month](#)
- [Genocide Remembrance, Condemnation and Prevention Month](#)
- **April 9**
[Anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge](#)
- **April 12 (Second Wednesday of April)**
[International Day of Pink](#)
- **April 17-18 Yomha-Shoah**
[Holocaust Remembrance Day*](#)

May

- [Asian Heritage Month](#)
- [Jewish Heritage Month*](#)
- [South Asian Heritage Month*](#)
- [Dutch Heritage Month*](#)
- **May 5**
[Dutch Heritage Day](#)
[South Asian Arrival Day*](#)
- **May 17**
[International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia](#)
- **May 18**
[Tamil Genocide Remembrance Day*](#)
- **May 21**
[Ontario Flag Day*](#)

June

- [National Indigenous History Month](#)
- [Italian Heritage Month](#)
- [Filipino Heritage Month](#)
- [Portuguese History and Heritage Month](#)
- [Launch of Pride Season](#)
- **June 10**
[Portugal Day*](#)
- **June 19**
[United Empire Loyalists' Day*](#)
- **June 21**
[National Indigenous Peoples Day](#)
- **June 24**
[Saint-Jean-Baptiste Day](#)
- **June 27**
[Canadian Multiculturalism Day](#)

July

- **July 1**
[Canada Day](#)
- **July 28**
[Day of Commemoration of the Great Upheaval](#)

August

- **August 1**
[Emancipation Day](#)
- **August 15**
[National Acadian Day](#)
- **Third Week of August**
[Public Service Pride Week](#)

September

- **Second Week of September**
[Mennonite Heritage Week](#)
- **September 7**
[Ukrainian Heritage Day*](#)
- **September 25**
[Franco-Ontario Day](#)
- **September 30**
[National Day for Truth and Reconciliation](#)

October

- [German Heritage Month](#)
- [Canadian Islamic History Month](#)
- [Latin American Heritage Month \(CAN\)](#)
- [Hispanic Heritage Month \(ON\)*](#)
- [Islamic Heritage Month*](#)
- [Women's History Month](#)
- **October 1**
National Seniors Day
- **October 11**
International Day of the Girl
- **October 18**
[Persons Day](#)

November

- **Hindu Heritage Month***
- **November 5 - 11**
[Veterans' Week](#)
- **November 8***
[Indigenous Veterans Day](#)
- **November 11**
[Remembrance Day](#)
- **November 20**
[National Child Day](#)
[Transgender Day of Remembrance](#)

- **November 20 – 26**
[Canada History Week](#)
- **Fourth Saturday of November**
[Holodomor Memorial Day](#)
- **November 25 - December 10**
[16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence](#)

December

- [Christian Heritage Month](#)
- **December 3**
International Day of Persons with Disabilities
- **December 6**
[National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women](#)
- **December 10**
[Human Rights Day](#)
- **December 11**
[Anniversary of the Statute of Westminster](#)

*new addition for 2023

Major Holy Days

Based on Brampton's top 5 religions

In 2021, the most reported religion among the population was [Christianity](#) (35.7%), with [Catholicism](#) (17.3%) making up the largest denomination. This was followed by [Sikhism](#) (25.1%), [Hinduism](#) (18.1%), [Islam](#) (9.1%), and [Buddhism](#) (1.1%). 10.3% of the population did not identify with a particular religion.

[Profile table, Census Profile, 2021 Census of Population - Brampton, City \(CY\) \[Census subdivision\], Ontario \(statcan.gc.ca\)](#)

Date	Day	Religion
January 1, 2023	New Year's Day	Christianity
January 5, 2023	Birth of Guru Gobind Singh Ji	Sikhism
January 6, 2023	Epiphany	(Christianity)
January 7, 2023	Orthodox Christmas	Orthodox Christianity
January 13, 2023	Lohri	Sikh/Hindu (Punjabi)
January 13, 2023	Maghi	Sikhism
January 14, 2023	Orthodox New Years	Orthodox Christianity
January 14, 2023	Makar Sankranti	Hinduism
January 15, 2023	Thai Pongal	Tamil
January 19, 2023	Epiphany	Orthodox Christianity
January 22, 2023	Lunar New Year (year of the rabbit)	Buddhism
January 26, 2023	Vasant Panchami	Hinduism
February 5, 2023	Latern Festival	Buddhism
February 15, 2023	Nirvana Day	Buddhism
February 18, 2023	Lailat al Miraj	Islam
February 18, 2023	Maha Shivaratri	Hinduism
February 22, 2023	Lent	Christianity
February 22, 2023	Ash Wednesday	Christianity
February 27, 2023	Clean Monday	Orthodox Christianity
February 27, 2023	Great Lent	Orthodox Christianity
March 6, 2023	Magha Puja	Buddhism
March 7, 2023	Chötrul Düchen	Buddhism
March 8, 2023	Holi	Hinduism
March 8, 2023	Hola Mohalla	Sikhism
March 21, 2023	Nowruz	Iranian/Persian Please note this date of observance is grandfathered into this list
March 22, 2023	Ugadi / Yugadi	Hinduism
March 22- April 20, 2023	Ramadan	Islam
March 30, 2023	Shri Ram Navami	Hinduism
April 2-8, 2023	Holy Week	Orthodox Christianity
April 2, 2023	Palm Sunday	Christianity
April 6, 2023	Theravada (New Year)	Buddhism
April 6, 2023	Holy Thursday	Christianity
April 6, 2023	Passover	Judaism

		Please note this date of observance is grandfathered into this list
April 7, 2023	Good Friday	Christianity
April 9, 2023	Easter	Christianity
April 10, 2023	Easter Monday	Christianity
April 13, 2023	Holy Thursday	Orthodox Christianity
April 14, 2023	Good Friday	Orthodox Christianity
April 14, 2023	Jumatul Widha	Islam
April 14, 2023	Vaisakhi	Sikhism
April 16, 2023	Easter	Orthodox Christianity
April 17, 2023	Easter Monday	Orthodox Christianity
April 21, 2023	Eid Al-Fitr	Islam
May 5, 2023	Wesak/Buddha Day	Buddhism
May 18, 2023	Feast of Ascension	Christianity
May 23, 2023	Matrydom of Guru Arjan Dev	Sikhism
May 26, 2023	Birthday of Buddha	Buddhism
May 28, 2023	Pentecost	Christianity
June 3, 2023	Poson	Buddhism
June 4, 2023	Saga Dawa Düchen	Buddhism
June 4, 2023	Pentecost	Orthodox Christianity
June 29-July 2, 2023	Eid-al-Adha	Islam
July 3, 2023	Asala (Dharma Day)	Buddhism
July 3, 2023	Guru Purnima	Hinduism
July 11, 2023	Imamat Day	Islam
July 14-16, 2023	Jalsa Salana	Islam
July 21, 2023	Chokhor Düchen	Buddhism
July 27, 2023	Ashura	Islam
August 13-15, 2023	Obon	Buddhism
August 15, 2023	The Assumption	Christianity
August 30, 2023	Raksha Bandhan	Hinduism
September 1, 2023	Installation of the Holy Scriptures of the Guru Granth Sahib Ji	Sikhism
September 6, 2023	Shri Krishna Janmashtami	Hinduism
September 19, 2023	Ganesh Chaturthi	Hinduism
September 25, 2023*	Yom Kippur	Judaism Please note this date of observance is grandfathered into this list
September 27, 2023	Mawlid al-Nabī / Eid-Mauladun-Nabi	Islam
September 28, 2023	Anant Chaturdash	Hinduism
October 15-24, 2023	Navratri	Hinduism
October 20, 2023	Conferment of the title of Guru on the Shri Guru Granth Sahib Ji	Sikhism
October 22, 2023	Durga Ashtami	Hinduism
October 24, 2023	Dussehra	Hinduism
October 29, 2023	Kathina Ceremony/Pavarana Day	Buddhism
October 31, 2023	Karva Chauth	Hinduism
November 1, 2023	All Saints' Day	Christianity
November 2, 2023	All Souls Day	Christianity
November 4, 2023	Lha Bab Düchen	Buddhism
November 12, 2023	Diwali	Hinduism

November 12, 2023	Bandi Chhor Divas	Sikhism
November 24, 2023	Martyrdom of Guru Teg Bahadur	Sikhism
November 27, 2023	Guru Nanak Gurburab (Birth of Guru Nanak)	Sikhism
December 3-24, 2023	Advent	Christianity
December 8, 2023	Bodhi Day	Buddhism
December 13, 2023	Birthday of Imam Aga Khan	Islam
December 7-15, 2023*	Hanukkah	Judaism Please note this date of observance is grandfathered into this list
December 25, 2023	Christmas Day	Christianity
December 26 - January 1	Kwanzaa	(Pan-Africanism) Please note this date of observance is grandfathered into this list

City Recognized Awareness Days

Date	Name	Department/Division Lead
January 25	Bell Let's Talk Day	Human Resources
January 29*	National Day of Remembrance of the Québec City Mosque Attack and Action against Islamophobia	Equity Office
February*	Black History Month	Equity Office/Protocol
February 22	Pink Shirt Anti Bullying Day	Equity Office
March 1-5	Black Mental Health Week	Equity Office
March 18*	Transit Operator and Worker Appreciation Day	Transit
March 21*	International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination	Equity Office
March 22	World Water Day	Environmental and Development
April 2	World Autism Awareness Day	Accessibility
April 16-22	Volunteer Week	Recreation
April 22	Earth Day	Parks Maintenance and Forestry
April 30	Journey to Freedom Day	Council Resolution
May	Brampton Awards Season	Events and Protocol
May 1-7	National Youth Week	Recreation
May 1 – 7*	North American Occupational Health and Safety Week	Human Resources
May 1-7*	Mental Health Week	Human Resources
May 7-13* (first full week in May)	Emergency Preparedness Week	Emergency Management- Brampton Fire and Emergency Services
May 17*	The International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia (IDAHOTB)	Equity Office
May 21-27	National Public Works Week	Public Works and Engineering
May (last week of May)*	National Tourism Week	Tourism
June	Pride Month	Events and Protocol
June	Parks and Recreation Month	Recreation
June	Seniors Month	Recreation
June 23	National Day of Remembrance for Victims of Terrorism	Equity Office
July 17-23	National Drowning Prevention Week	Recreation
September 25	Franco-Ontarian Day	Events and Protocol
September 30	National Day of Truth and Reconciliation	Equity Office/Events and Protocol
October*	Healthy Workplace Month	Human Resources
October 1-7*	Mental Illness Awareness Week	Human Resources
October 8-14	Fire Prevention Week	Fire and Emergency Services

October 4	National Day of Action for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and 2 Spirit+	Equity Office
October 10	World Mental Health Day	Community Safety & Well-Being Office/Human Resources
October 11	National Coming Out Day	Equity Office
October 28	First Responders Day	Fire and Emergency Services
October 31	World Cities Day	
November 1-7*	Sikh Genocide Awareness Week	
November 5-11*	Crime Prevention Week	Community Safety & Well-Being Office
November 13	World Kindness Day	Equity Office
November 14*	World Diabetes Day	Human Resources
November 25*	International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women	Community Safety & Well-Being Office
December 3	International Day of Persons with Disabilities	Equity Office
December 10*	Human Rights Day	Equity Office

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Cultural Expressions for Bus Destination Signage

Date	Observance	Category
January 1, 2023	New Year	Holiday
January 7, 2023	Orthodox Christmas	Holy Day
February 2023	Black History Month	Federal Observance
January 22, 2023	Lunar New Year (Year of the Rabbit)	Holy Day - Buddhism
February 20, 2023	Family Day	Provincial Observance
March 18, 2023*	Transit Operator and Worker Appreciation Day	Transit
March 22 – April 20, 2023	Ramadan Mubarak	Holy Day - Islam
April 14, 2023	Vaisakhi	Holy Day - Sikhism & Hinduism
April 9, 2023	Easter	Holy Day - Christianity
April 16, 2023	Orthodox Easter	Holy Day - Christianity
April 21, 2023	Eid Mubarak (Eid-ul-Fitr)	Holy Day - Islam
June 2023	Pride Month	Federal Observance
June 21, 2023	National Indigenous Peoples Day	Federal Observance
July 1, 2023	Canada Day	Federal Observance
June 29-30, 2023	Eid Mubarak (Eid-ul-Adha)	Holy Day - Islam
September 30, 2023	Truth and Reconciliation Day	Federal Observance
November 11, 2023	Remembrance Day	Federal Observance
November 12, 2023	Diwali	Holy Day - Hinduism, Sikhism, Jainism
December 7-15, 2023	Hanukkah	Holy Day - Judaism
December 25, 2023	Christmas	Holy Day - Christianity
December 26, 2022 - January 1, 2024	Kwanzaa	Other

Cultural Expressions for Recreation Signage

Date	Observance	Category
January 1, 2023	New Year	Holiday
January 7, 2023	Orthodox Christmas	Holy Day
February 2023	Black History Month	Federal Observance
January 22, 2023	Lunar New Year (Year of the Rabbit)	Holy Day - Buddhism
February 20, 2023	Family Day	Provincial Observance
March 22 – April 20, 2023	Ramadan Mubarak	Holy Day - Islam
April 14, 2023	Vaisakhi	Holy Day - Sikhism & Hinduism
April 9, 2023	Easter	Holy Day - Christianity
April 16, 2023	Orthodox Easter	Holy Day - Christianity
April 21, 2023	Eid Mubarak (Eid-ul-Fitr)	Holy Day - Islam
June 2023	Pride Month	Federal Observance
June 21, 2023	National Indigenous Peoples Day	Federal Observance
July 1, 2023	Canada Day	Federal Observance
June 29-30, 2023	Eid Mubarak (Eid-ul-Adha)	Holy Day - Islam
September 30, 2023	Truth and Reconciliation Day	Federal Observance
November 11, 2023	Remembrance Day	Federal Observance
November 12, 2023	Diwali	Holy Day - Hinduism, Sikhism, Jainism
December 7-15, 2023	Hanukkah	Holy Day - Judaism
December 25, 2023	Christmas	Holy Day - Christianity
December 26, 2022 - January 1, 2024	Kwanzaa	Other

Half Mastings

Date	Name
January 8*	National Day of Remembrance for Victims of Air Disasters
January 29*	National Day of Remembrance of the Québec City Mosque Attack and Action against Islamophobia
March 11*	National Day of Observance for COVID-19
April 9	National Day of Remembrance of the Battle of Vimy Ridge
April 28	National Day of Mourning for Persons Killed or Injured in the Workplace (Workers' Mourning Day)
June 6	D-Day
June 23	National Day of Remembrance for Victims of Terrorism
Second Sunday in September	Firefighters' National Memorial Day
Last Sunday in September	Police and Peace Officers National Memorial Day
September 30	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
November (first seven days)*	Sikh Genocide Awareness Week
November 8*	National Aboriginal Veterans Day
November 11	Remembrance Day
December 6	National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women

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