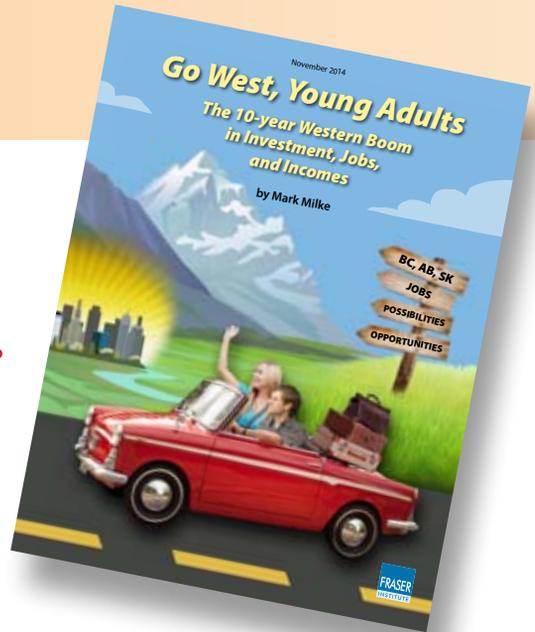


# HOT TOPICS!

## *Go West, Young Adults...*

Alberta and Saskatchewan offer the most opportunity for young Canadians while Ontario and Quebec mimic the economic malaise of Atlantic Canada, finds a new study released by the Fraser Institute.



“Western Canada is the land of opportunity while Ontario and Quebec, the two most populous provinces, now resemble Atlantic Canada with its gloomy economic outlook and relatively poor prospects for young people,” said Mark Milke, study author and senior fellow at the Fraser Institute.

The study, *Go West, Young Adults: The 10-Year Western Boom in Investment, Jobs and Incomes*, compares all 10 provinces based on several economic indicators including employment rates, income levels, private sector investment and population patterns to determine the levels of opportunity (including employment and the prospects for at least a middle-class income) for young adults.

**Read the study [HERE](#)**

## ***Police departments overstaffed in many Canadian cities***

There is growing public concern over the rising cost and sustainability of police services given that crime rates continue to decline. Indeed, between 2001 and 2012, the number of police officers per 100,000 population in Canada rose 8.7% while the crime rate declined by 26.3%.

This study reviews the literature on the relationship between police resources and crime rates and then examines trends in crime rates and police resources in Canada. It also estimates the “efficiency” of police staffing across Canadian cities using a determinants approach that first estimates the relationship between the number of police officers per 100,000 in population and the crime rate, controlling for other factors. It then uses that relationship to estimate the predicted number of officers relative to the actual figure. The purpose is to assess whether the efficiency of municipal policing can be improved.

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