

Summary Statistics for Prince Edward Island

March 14, 2005

Economic Indicator	Period	Previous Year			Current Year			Current / Previous		
		(% Change, Previous Period)			(% Change, Previous Period)			(% Change, One Year Ago)		
Unemployment Rate *	Dec/Jan/Feb	10.5%	11.1%	11.7%	10.4%	10.5%	10.2%	-0.1	-0.6	-1.5
		+ 2.1	+ 0.6	+ 0.6	+ 2.4	+ 0.1	- 0.3			
Participation Rate *	Dec/Jan/Feb	67.9%	67.5%	67.5%	69.0%	68.8%	68.7%	1.1	1.3	1.2
		- 0.2	- 0.4	+ 0.0	- 0.1	- 0.2	- 0.1			
Employment ('000)	Dec/Jan/Feb	67.0	66.2	65.9	68.7	68.5	68.7	2.5	3.5	4.2
		+ 0.8	- 1.2	- 0.5	- 0.3	- 0.3	+ 0.3			
Unemployment ('000)	Dec/Jan/Feb	7.9	8.3	8.7	8.0	8.0	7.8	1.3	-3.6	-10.3
		- 6.0	+ 5.1	+ 4.8	+ 0.0	+ 0.0	- 2.5			
Labour Force ('000)	Dec/Jan/Feb	74.9	74.5	74.6	76.7	76.5	76.5	2.4	2.7	2.5
		- 0.1	- 0.5	+ 0.1	- 0.1	- 0.3	+ 0.0			
Labour Income (\$ M)	Oct/Nov/Dec	\$168.9	\$168.3	\$170.4	\$173.6	\$175.1	\$178.7	2.8	4.1	4.9
		+ 0.7	- 0.4	+ 1.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.9	+ 2.1			
Population 2003/04 ('000)	Q1, Q2, Q3	137.1	137.1	137.3	137.6	137.9	137.9	0.4	0.5	0.4
		+ 0.0	+ 0.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.2	+ 0.0			
Employment Insurance Benefits (\$ M)	Oct/Nov/Dec	\$10.4	\$17.0	\$21.8	\$12.4	\$15.9	\$18.3	19.4	-6.4	-15.8
		- 13.9	+ 63.5	+ 28.1	+ 16.6	+ 28.2	+ 15.2			
CPI, All-Items (1992=100)	Nov/Dec/Jan	122.5	122.0	121.8	127.3	126.4	125.3	3.9	3.6	2.9
		+ 0.4	- 0.4	- 0.2	+ 1.4	- 0.7	- 0.9			
Retail Trade (\$ M)	Oct/Nov/Dec	\$115.6	\$113.9	\$112.0	\$117.3	\$115.5	\$114.2	1.4	1.3	2.0
		- 0.8	- 1.5	- 1.7	- 99.9	- 1.6	- 1.1			
Motor Vehicles Sales (\$ M)	Oct/Nov/Dec	\$10.7	\$8.1	\$8.9	\$10.7	\$8.2	\$9.9	-0.1	0.5	10.8
		- 5.1	- 24.0	+ 9.6	- 6.4	- 23.5	+ 20.8			
Manufacturing Shipments (\$ M)	Oct/Nov/Dec	\$123.7	\$119.2	\$105.0	\$118.9	\$112.2	\$112.6	-3.9	-5.9	7.2
		- 5.4	- 3.6	- 11.9	- 99.9	- 5.6	+ 0.4			
Building Permits (\$ M)	Nov/Dec/Jan	\$7.0	\$19.2	\$13.0	\$22.4	\$18.1	\$12.9	221.6	-6.0	-0.5
		- 17.1	+ 175.8	- 32.6	- 42.1	- 19.3	- 28.7			
Residential Building Permits (\$ M)	Nov/Dec/Jan	\$3.9	\$8.4	\$7.9	\$13.7	\$10.5	\$11.6	247.1	25.4	47.6
		- 39.7	+ 113.3	- 6.3	- 19.8	- 22.9	+ 10.2			
Non-Resident. Building Permits (\$ M)	Nov/Dec/Jan	\$3.0	\$10.8	\$5.1	\$8.7	\$7.5	\$1.3	188.4	-30.3	-75.0
		+ 61.5	+ 257.2	- 53.0	- 59.6	- 13.7	- 83.1			
Urban Housing Starts **	Dec/Jan/Feb	36	48	4	31	48	22	-5.0	0.0	18.0
		- 1	+ 12	- 44	- 17	+ 17	- 26			
Farm Cash Receipts, 2004 (\$ M)	Q2, Q3, Q4	\$88.9	\$81.9	\$82.2	\$87.6	\$88.4	\$91.8	-1.5	8.0	11.6
		- 13.3	- 7.9	+ 0.4	+ 8.1	+ 0.9	+ 3.7			

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