

Introduction

The Municipal Profile Project

This is one of a series of profiles produced in collaboration with the Federation of PEI Municipalities, the member municipalities, and Human Resources Development Canada.

Information for the 30 municipal profiles was gathered from interviews with municipal administrators, from Statistics Canada Census data, from PEI Government publications, and from many other helpful individuals and agencies.

Contact information for this municipality, Human Resources Development Canada, and the Federation of PEI Municipalities may be found at the end of the profile. A list of all 30 municipal profiles is attached in **Appendix I**.

Interpretation of Census Data

The 1996 Census data were collected either from 100 % of the population or on a sample basis (i.e. from a random sample of one in five households) with the data weighted up to provide estimates for the entire population.

For all census products released, procedures are applied to prevent the possibility of associating statistical data with any identifiable individual. The data are randomly rounded and they are suppressed for certain geographic areas. Random rounding is a method whereby all figures in a tabulation, including totals, are randomly rounded (either up or down) to a multiple of “5” and in some cases “10”. This technique provides strong protection against disclosure, without adding significant error to census data.

Census terms referred to in this document can be found in **Appendix II**.

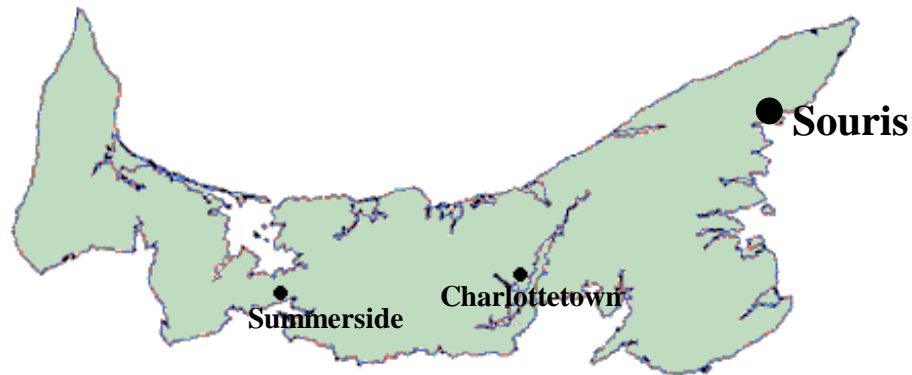
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Municipal Profile: Souris, Prince Edward Island

General Overview

Prince Edward Island is located just off the eastern shore of Canada, in the Gulf of St. Lawrence. It is separated from the mainland by the Northumberland Strait.



The Town of Souris is located in Kings County, on the eastern shore of Prince Edward Island. Souris has a population of 1,293 and covers a land area of 3.8 sq. km. It is easily accessible by land or sea.

Souris is part of the federal electoral district of Cardigan, and is in the provincial riding of Souris-Elmira, Provincial District 1.

Souris is the fifth largest community in PEI, and was incorporated in 1910.

Fishing and farming have been the traditional centre of the Eastern Kings economy, although tourism, aquaculture, and the food industry have recently been gaining importance.

Distances	
Confederation Bridge (to New Brunswick)	137 km
Charlottetown	81 km
Summerside	152 km
Wood Islands ferry (to Nova Scotia)	69 km

A Brief History

Souris is the French word for “mouse.” Souris’ name is generally believed to refer to the plagues of mice that devastated early inhabitants’ crops. “The story is told that a French vessel passing by the bay in the early 1700s was forced to cut through the waves of drowned mice and so gave the name to the area. The 1744 map of Sieur de la Roque names the bay, Havre a la Souris”. In the early years, it was also known as Colville Bay, Grand Haven, New Bristol, and Red Cliffs.

The Mi’kmaq had an encampment at the head of Souris River, overlooking the river and bay. The first white inhabitants were several Acadian families who arrived in 1740, and later abandoned the area in 1758 with the fall of Louisbourg.

Scottish settlers came to the area as early as 1772, and English and Irish settlers arrived around 1810. Originally, what was to become Souris was ten farm lots with shorefront, cleared land for cultivation, and valuable timber further inland. John Knight, Souris’ founder laid the foundation of the town when he acquired a small wharf and built a breakwater to protect it. This marked the beginning of Souris as a port. This led to the building of schooners, brigs, barques and ships.



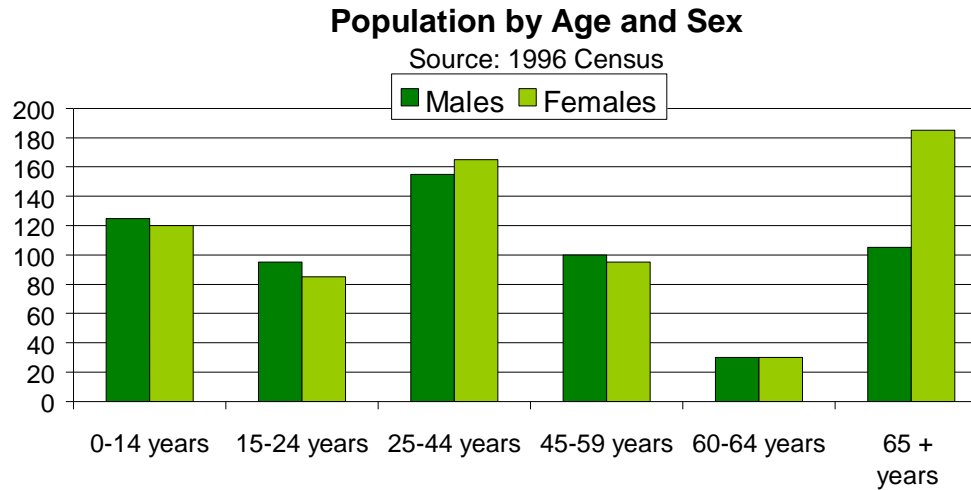
The railway of 1870 added to the development of Souris. The cornerstone of the Souris Post Office and Customs House (currently the Town Hall) was laid in 1905.

The residents of Souris have adopted an image of a mouse as the Town's mascot.

Source: Adele Thompson: “Ten Farms Become a Town. A History of Souris 1700-1920”, Published by the Town of Souris, 1986.

Population

At the time of the 1996 Census, Souris had a population of 1293 people, a decrease of 3.0% since the 1991 Census.



Population by Age and Sex				
Age Group	Male	Female	Total	% of Total
0-14 years	125	120	245	19%
15-24 years	95	85	180	14%
25-44 years	155	165	320	25%
45-59 years	100	95	195	15%
60-64 years	30	30	60	5%
65+ years	105	185	290	22%
Totals	610	680	1290	100%

Source: 1996 Census

The distribution of the population across the six age categories above is similar to that of the province as a whole, except the 65+ age group comprises 22 % of the Souris population, compared to 13 % provincial population.

Language and Ethnic Origin

Mother Tongue

In Souris, 1205 people reported English and 35 people reported French as their mother tongue.

Knowledge of Languages

Knowledge of official languages showed 1140 people knowing English only, and 100 people with a knowledge of both English and French.

Ethnic Origin

In Souris, the most frequently reported ancestral group was Scottish. The next most reported group origins were French, Irish, English, and Canadian. Together, these five categories made up approximately 93 % of the responses. Smaller groups reported their ethnic origins as North American Indian, German, Dutch (Netherlands), Polish, Métis, Danish, and Acadian, with less than 3 % of the responses in each group.

Employment Income

The average employment income figures for Souris are shown in the table below.

Employment Income			
	Number of People	Average Employment Income	PEI Average Employment Income
All persons with employment income by work activity	605	\$16,458	\$18,951
Worked full year, full time	125	\$22,369	\$30,039
Worked part year or part time	460	\$14,865	\$12,025
Males with employment income	295	\$23,052	\$22,663
Females with employment income	315	\$10,328	\$14,724

Source: 1996 Census

The income for males and females are averages of full time, part time and part year employment. The average income for males was substantially higher than for females. This is consistent with the provincial average income rates and occurs because a higher percentage of females work either on a part year or part time basis. In addition, one third of all females employed on PEI work in; clerical, sales and services, and childcare and home support worker occupations, which are typically the lower paid occupations.

The average employment income for workers in Souris was 13% lower than the average employment income for all persons in PEI. This is a reflection of the number of workers who work either on a

part year or part time basis, approximately 76% of all persons with employment income in Souris. The average income for males in Souris was comparable to the provincial average for males as compared to 30% lower for females.

There were 125 persons in Souris who worked in full year, full time employment, approximately 21% of all persons with employment income. The average employment income for this group of workers was \$22,369, which was 26% lower than the provincial average.

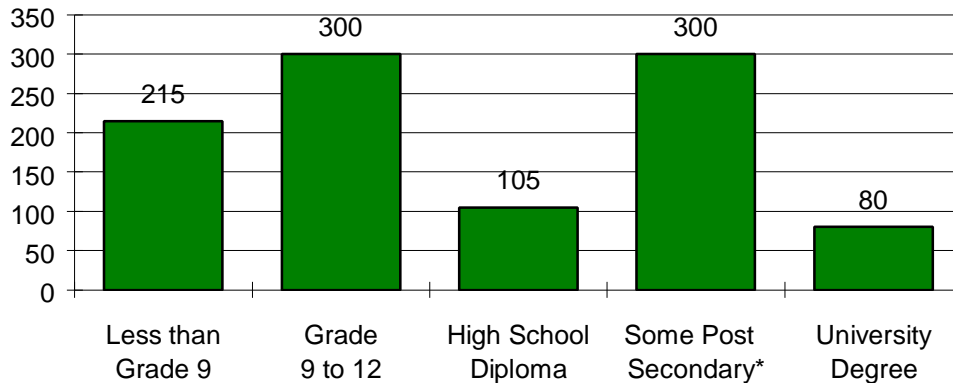
The Census family income for 330 families in Souris averaged \$43,465.

Education

Of Souris' working age population, 15 years of age and older, (1005), approximately 51% have less than Grade 12 education, and 48% possess a high school diploma or higher. 8% of the working age population have obtained a university degree. Compared to the province as a whole, Souris residents have lower levels of education. Provincially, 41% of the population has less than Grade 12 education.

Population by Highest Level of Schooling

Source: 1996 Census



* Note – the “Some Post Secondary” category includes those people with college certificates or diplomas

Post-Secondary Qualifications

In Souris, there were 130 males and 180 females who reported completing post-secondary qualifications.

Males	Engineering and applied science technologies and trades	50
	Humanities and related fields	20
	Social sciences and related fields	20
	Health professions, sciences and technologies	15
	Educational, recreational and counselling services	10
	Fine and applied arts	10
	Mathematics and physical sciences	10
Females	Commerce, management and business administration	45
	Health professions, sciences and technologies	45
	Educational, recreational and counselling services	35
	Fine and applied arts	15
	Agricultural and biological sciences/technologies	15
	Humanities and related fields	10

(Source - 1996 Census)

Approximately 69 % of the males reporting post-secondary qualifications were in the fields of "Engineering and applied science technologies and trades", "Humanities and related fields," and "Social sciences and related fields". The remainder were spread across four categories ranging from 8 % to 12 %.

Approximately 69 % of the females reporting post-secondary qualifications were in the fields of "Commerce, management and business administration," "Health professions, sciences and technologies," and "Educational, recreational and counselling services". The remainder were spread across three categories ranging from 6 % to 8 %.

Labour Force Activity

The census reference week was the week of May 5, 1996. The labour force activity reported refers to the conditions during that week. In P.E.I., May is the month in which seasonal activity is beginning to increase as farmers prepare the land, fishers gear up, construction activity picks up and tourism operators begin to prepare for the coming season. Employment reaches its peak in August and remains high through to and including October.

Labour Force Activity		
	Souris	PEI
Total population 15 years and over by labour force activity	1005	103750
In the labour force	635	70820
Employed	555	61060
Unemployed	80	9760
Participation rate	63.2 %	68.3 %
Unemployment rate	12.6 %	13.8 %

Source: 1996 Census

At the time of the 1996 Census, Souris had a working age population of 1005 and a labour force which numbered 635. The participation rate was 63.2%, which is lower than the provincial rate of 68.3%. This could partly be a result of the high number of seniors who reside in Souris.

Souris' labour force represents almost one percent of PEI's total labour force. The labour force was composed of 555 persons who were employed and 80 who were unemployed. The unemployment rate during the Census reference week was 12.6%, which is slightly lower than the provincial rate of 13.8%.

Major Industries and Occupations

Labour Force by Industry

The Census reported that the members of the Souris labour force were shared between the industrial sectors shown in the table below.

Labour Force by Industry		
	Size of the Labour Force	Percent of the Labour Force
Fishing and trapping industries	110	17%
Retail trade industries	105	17%
Other service industries	70	11%
Manufacturing industries	65	10%
Educational service industries	55	9%
Health and social service industries	40	6%
Accommodation, food and beverage service industries	35	6%
Transportation and storage industries	30	5%
Government service industries	30	5%
Other	25	4%
Agricultural and related service industries	20	3%
Construction industries	15	2%
Wholesale trade industries	15	2%

Source: 1996 Census

Approximately 55 % of the Souris labour force is in the four industrial categories of fishing and trapping, retail trade, other service, and manufacturing. The remainder is spread over nine categories with a range of 2 % to 9 % in each category. The figures reflect the importance of fishing to the Souris economy, and the Town's position as a retail and service centre for the Eastern Kings Region.

Fishing

Fishing plays an important role in the Souris economy. Landings at the port were almost 1.5 million kg in 1996, with a value of over \$2.5 million. These landings were mainly from the inshore fishery, using vessels less than 44 feet in length. Together, lobster and snow crab made up 70 % of the total value of the landings. The total value of the landings in Souris were 2.5% of the provincial total.

Value of 1996 landings in thousands of dollars, Souris					
<u>Groundfish</u>		<u>Pelagic & Estuarial</u>		<u>Shellfish</u>	
Cod	13.87	Herring	242.24	Bar Clams	.08
American Plaice	196.06	Mackerel	.55	Soft Shell Clams	1.27
Yellowtail	1.20	Tuna, Bluefin	78.43	Sea Scallop	134.93
Greysole/Witch	1.69	Alewives (Gaspereau)	.95	Lobster	1411.38
Winter Flounder	47.16	Skate	3.16	Rock Crab	10.57
White Hake	3.36	Smelts	.57	Snow Crab	360.88
		Dogfish	2.20		
		Silversides	13.10		
Groundfish Total	263.34	Pel. & Est. Total	341.20	Shellfish Total	1919.11
Port Total			2523.65		

Source: Department of Fisheries and Oceans, DFO Statistics

Agriculture

Agriculture is an important activity in and around Souris. Due to confidentiality constraints, agriculture data is not available for the community alone. However, the following table provides information on the farm activity for the wider area, Lot 45, which includes the community of Souris.

	Lot 45	Provincial Total
Total number of farms	45	2,217
Total area of farms		
Acres	13,656	655,365
Hectares	5,526	265,217
Total farm capital	\$23.5 million	\$1,417 billion
Total gross farm receipts	\$6.6 million	\$349.2 million
Total farm expenses	\$5.3 million	\$288.6 million

Source: Agricultural Profile of the Atlantic Provinces,
Statistics Canada Agricultural Division, Census 1996.

This area has approximately 2.0% of the total number of farms in PEI and represents 2.1% of the total provincial acreage. Total gross farm receipts for the area were about 1.9% of the provincial total.

Industrial Parks

Souris is well equipped with light industrial infrastructure.

Souris Industrial Park is a privately owned and operated facility with these features:

- A 3500 sq.ft. area of manufacturing bays with shipping and receiving ports
- A 7500 sq.ft. Federally inspected food-processing unit complete with refrigeration, processing, shipping and receiving areas
- A 2500 sq.ft. carpeted office area complete with Centrex phone system, computer network cabling, a high volume copy room, and a furnished Boardroom
- 3 Phase Power

The Souris Food Park is a fully serviced, 52-acre, food park overlooking Souris Harbour. The Park has sufficient space for five or more major food processing tenants. The Park is serviced with:

- Streets and Lighting
- Parking Facilities
- Security Fencing
- Water and Sewage
- 3 Phase Power
- State-of -the-art Cold Storage Facilities
- Waste Treatment and Marine Outfall Facilities

The Town of Souris provides a municipal tax incentive program for the present and future tenants of the Souris Food Park as follows:

Year 1 - 90 % municipal tax rebate
Year 2 - 90 % municipal tax rebate
Year 3 - 70 % municipal tax rebate
Year 4 - 50 % municipal tax rebate
Year 5 - 30 % municipal tax rebate
Year 6+ - No municipal tax rebate
Note: several conditions apply.

For information regarding either The Souris Industrial Park or The Souris Food Park, please contact the Town of Souris at (902) 687-2157 or the Eastern Kings Business Association at (902) 678-1209.

Labour Force by Occupation

The Census reported the following distribution of the Souris labour force grouped by occupation. For comparison, the provincial percentage for each category is shown in the last column.

Labour Force by Occupation			
	Souris		PEI
	Labour Force	% of Labour Force	% of Labour Force
Sales and service occupations	175	27%	25%
Occupations unique to primary industry	115	18%	14%
Trades, transport and equipment operators and related occupations	80	13%	15%
Occupations unique to processing, manufacturing and utilities	75	12%	8%
Business, finance and administrative occupations	60	9%	14%
Health occupations	35	5%	5%
Occupations in social science, education, government service and religion	35	5%	6%
Management occupations	30	5%	7%
Other	25	4%	2%
Natural and applied sciences and related occupations	10	2%	3%
Occupations in art, culture, recreation and sport	10	2%	2%

Source: 1996 Census

Four occupational groups make up approximately 70 % of the Souris labour force of 640 people. The remainder is spread over seven occupational groups, ranging from 2 % to 9% in each group. The distribution over the occupations is similar in Souris and the province as a whole, with a maximum variation of 5 % in each category.

Labour Force by Occupation, Males and Females

69% of the male labour force, (305), is associated with one of the following categories:

- Occupations unique to the primary industry, such as fishing and farming occupations, 33%
- Trades, transport and equipment operators and related occupations, such as trades helpers, construction and transportation labourers, 21%
- Sales and service occupations, such as cashiers, 15%

64% of the female labour force, (330), is associated with one of the following three categories:

- Sales and service occupations, such as chefs and cooks, 41%
- Business, finance and administrative occupation, such as clerical occupations, 12%
- Occupations unique to processing, manufacturing and utilities, such as machine operators in manufacturing, 11%

Business and Commerce

Most businesses in the area belong to The Eastern Kings Business Association. They list their member companies, contact names and phone numbers under the following headings:

- Retail
- Professional Services
- Accommodations
- Dining
- Government / Health
- Agriculture
- Fishing
- Outdoor Activities
- Manufacturing and Processing

To view the directory, please visit the web site at <http://www.peionline.com/ekba/>, or contact the Association at (902) 687-1209 (phone); or (902) 687-1215 (fax).

Accommodations in the area include:

A Place to Stay Inn
Church Street Tourist Home
Dockside Bed & Breakfast
Hilltop Motel
The Matthew House Inn
Penny's Cottage
Peters' Trailer Rentals
Waterfront Inn

There are also many cottages, bed and breakfasts, and inns near Souris.

Restaurants in Souris include:

Bluefin Restaurant
Campbell's for Coffee
Nothing Fancy Restaurant
Pinkie's Bakery & Pizza
Right Bite Cafe

The Beacon is a biweekly paper for the Eastern Kings area.

Transportation

Souris is located on Route 2, which crosses the Island to Tignish in the west. The highway is part of the provincial scenic "King's Byway Drive" tour. As a result, there is substantial tourist traffic in the summer. The highway leads to Charlottetown and there connects to the Trans Canada Highway for traffic to and from the Confederation Bridge. Secondary highways connect to the Wood Islands Ferry Terminal.

Souris is the terminal for the ferry to the Magdalene Islands at Cap-aux-Meules, Quebec. The ferry runs from April 1 to September 30 with one 4.5 hour crossing per day, 6 days per week. Reservations are advised during the summer months.

The Port of Souris is open for shipping and free of ice for approximately 11 months of the year. The port is administered by the Canadian Coast Guard, Harbours and Ports Directorate. Icebreaker support is available in winter.

Services include fresh water, supplies, minor repairs, wharfing, stevedoring, fuel, and a harbour master. Pilotage is not compulsory but it is available. Approach channel restrictions are a width of 100 m and a depth of 6.7 m.

There are four wharves, the active fishery, the ferry terminal, and a developing marina complex. Berthage is available in five sections measuring (length by depth): 183 m by 6.4m, 183 m by 4.9 m, 375 m by 1.5 m, 142 m by 3.0 m, and 152 m by 4.2 m. The heated shed has an area of 2860 sq m.

Housing and Real Estate

The Census reported 490 occupied private dwellings in Souris of the following types:

Occupied Private Dwellings by Structural Type of Dwelling	
Single-detached house	345
Row house	65
Movable dwelling	30
Apartment building, less than five storeys	25
Semi-detached house	15
Apartment, detached duplex	10

Source: 1996 Census

The average Multiple Listing Service list prices for homes in the North Kings County region, as of March 1998:
 \$43,143 for a one or 2 bedroom home
 \$81,166 for a 5 or more bedroom home
 \$63,460 overall average.

Source: PEI Real Estate Association

There are 73 seniors housing units. There are three or four new homes per year built in Souris. Building permits are available at the Town Office.

Education

Souris has several educational facilities:

Pre-school

Souris Day Care Centre
 Souris Kindergarten

Primary through Secondary

Souris Consolidated School: grades 1 to 8, enrolment 293
 Souris Regional High School: grades 9 to 12, enrolment 350

Post-Secondary

The Souris Centre of Holland College
 Harmony Training Centre teaches life skills and computer training
 Eastern Kings Community Learning Centre Inc. for computer access and literacy

Health Care Facilities

The Souris Hospital serves the community and Eastern Kings County. It has 17 beds, including three cribs, two pediatric beds, and one observation bed.

There is also a private physician's clinic at the hospital.

There are two residential homes for the elderly. Bayview Lodge is a community care facility, and Colville Manor is a long term care facility.

Souris has a pharmacy, dentist, and vet clinic.

Points of Service

The Johnny Ross Young Regional Services Centre in Souris houses the following full-time departments:

- Department of Agriculture
- Department of Community Affairs & Attorney General
- Child & Family Services
- Department of Transportation & Public Works/Highway Safety

Part-time departments:

- Education/Recreation
- Enterprise PEI
- Veterans Affairs Canada
- Forestry
- Justice

The Town is served by the federal Department of Human Resources and Development via the Souris Human Resource Centre.

There is a Community Access Program (CAP Site) located in the Learning Centre. Residents can use the computers and access the internet.

Other services are available from many of the community groups, which are listed in another section of this report.

Municipal Services

Souris has a water and sewer system available for every resident of the town. Police protection is provided by the RCMP Souris Detachment. The Souris Fire Department supplies fire protection services.

Tax rates for 1998 are \$1.70 per \$100 of assessed value for commercial properties, and \$0.80 per \$100 for non commercial properties. The 1998 utility rates for single family dwellings are \$115.32 for water, and \$162.84 for sewer service for a single family dwelling.

Recreation

There is a wide range of recreation opportunities and facilities in the area.

Eastern Kings Sportsplex Arena features bowling, hockey, skating, and ringette. The arena also hosts community dances, bingo, concerts, and a wide variety of special events through out the year.

The many beaches in the area include:

- Basin Head
- Fortune Back Beach
- Fortune Front Beach
- Little Harbour
- Naufrage Beach
- Red Point
- Sheep Pond Beach
- Souris Beach

(Recreation, cont'd)

Nearby are three provincial parks: Souris Beach Provincial Park, Red Point Provincial Park, and Campbells Cove Provincial Park. Souris Harbour is used for aquatic sports, such as sailing, windsurfing and water skiing. The Souris River, which flows into the harbour is ideal for canoeing and kayaking.

The Confederation Trail, developed on abandoned rail lines, runs through the Town. It provides opportunities for hiking and biking during the summer and snowmobiling in winter.

From the Souris area all the way up to East Point there are many angling locations worthy of note. Some of them include: Gillis (Johnston's) Pond and Hay River, MacInnis' Pond, Big Pond, Priest Pond, North Lake and Mill Creek, East Lake, MacVane's Pond, Basin Head, Dixon's Pond and North Lake Creek, McVarish's Pond, Larkin's Pond and Naufrage River. This area is also well known for its tuna fishing in coastal waters.

Cultural Facilities and Events

Souris residents can enjoy several special events that are put on throughout the year, such as:

- Canada Day Festival
- Fall Exhibition
- PEI Blue Grass and Old Time Music Festival
- Rollo Bay Fiddlers Festival
- Santa Claus Parade - an all day Christmas celebration
- Souris Regatta
- The Road to Rollo Bay - summer concert series

The Public Library is located in the historic Town Hall on Main Street.

Nearby attractions include the Basin Head Fisheries Museum, the East Point Lighthouse, and the Elmira Railway Museum.

Churches

Souris has four churches:

- Lighthouse Baptist Church
- St. Alban's Anglican
- St. James United
- St. Mary's Roman Catholic

Community Organizations

Souris has many community, self help, special interest and volunteer groups, including:

- Addiction Services
- Association For Community Living
- Catholic Women's League, Souris
- Child And Family Services, Souris
- Community Mental Health Centre
- Dingwell's Ambulance
- Eastern Kings Advisory Board
- Eastern Kings Health Authority
- Emergency Measures Organization
- Home Care And Support
- Home Equipment Loan Program
- Housing Services
- Job Creation Program / Employment Enhancement
- Knights Of Columbus, Souris
- Lend A Hand Family Resource Centre
- Lions Club, Souris
- Living With Cancer Support Group
- Northside Community Development Corporation
- P.E.I. Foster Parents Association, Region V
- Planning For The Future
- Public Health Nursing
- Regional Recreation Coordination
- Royal Canadian Air Cadet Corps
- Royal Canadian Legion, Souris
- Silver Threads
- Souris Wildlife Federation
- St. Charles & Area Watershed Improvement Commission
- Student Assistance Program
- The Learning Centre
- Zero Tolerance To Violence

Contact Information

To find out more about Souris, contact one of the groups below:

Town of Souris

75 Main Street
Souris PE
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Telephone: (902) 687-2157
Fax: (902) 687-4426
Internet site: <http://cnet.unb.ca/pe/souris/>

Office hours: Mon-Fri 9:00 – 4:30
Council Meetings: Second Monday of month, 8:00 PM

Mayor: Gus Clinton
Deputy Mayor: Joe O'Keefe
Administrator: Mildred Ehler
Councillors: Betty Hannan, Carol Carter, Dwayne Clements, Joe O'Keefe,
Dianne Burke, Shane Clements

Eastern Kings Business Association

Telephone (902) 687-1209,
Fax (902) 687-1215
Visit their web site at <http://www.peionline.com/ekba/>

Federation of PEI Municipalities

The Federation of Prince Edward Island Municipalities is a body formed for the purpose of representing in one organization the various cities, towns, resort municipalities, and incorporated communities within the Province of Prince Edward Island.

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Web site: <http://www.munisource.org/fpeim/>

Human Resources Development Canada

Souris is served by the Souris Human Resource Centre. For information on programs and services offered by HRDC, you may visit our website at:

<http://www.pe.hrdc-drhc.gc.ca.common/>

his site also contains links to other sites of interest.

Souris Human Resource Centre

175 Main Street, Second Floor

PO Box 40

Souris, Prince Edward Island

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The Souris Human Resource Centre (HRC) is one of five service delivery sites on Prince Edward Island that offers a full range of Human Resources Development Canada's programs and services. The Souris HRC serves a number of small communities located in Kings County on the Eastern tip of the Island, the largest being the Town of Souris with a population of 1,293 and the Village of St. Peters (283).

Employment in the area is highly seasonal. The primary industry of Fishing and the related processing activities for this industry dominates the local economy. Also important to the area are the jobs generated from the Agriculture, Forestry, Construction, and Tourism industries. Recent economic development in the area has included the Souris Food Park which features a "state of the art" Waste Management Treatment facility.

Hours of Operation:

8:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Monday to Friday

Telephone Numbers:

Employment Insurance Inquiries:

(English): 1-800-206-7218, (French): 1-800-808-6'J52

Job line: 902-687-3411

Employment Services:

General Enquiries: 902-687-3161

Employer Job Orders: 902-687-3343

Records of Employment:

Toll Free: 1-800-578-6821 (Note: Records of employment are available by mail only)

Income Security Programs:

(Canada Pension/Old Age Security)

First and third Monday of each month (9:30 A.M. to 2 P.M.) Call to book an appointment

English: 1-800-277-9914

French: 1-800-277-9915

Appendix I

The following municipalities are members of the Federation of Prince Edward Island Municipalities. A profile of each municipality was created during the Municipal Profile Project between February and June, 1998.

City of Charlottetown
City of Summerside
Town of Alberton
Town of Cornwall
Town of Georgetown
Town of Kensington
Town of Montague
Town of Souris
Town of Stratford
Community of Abrams Village
Community of Borden-Carleton
Community of Brudenell
Community of Cardigan
Community of Central Bedeque
Community of Crapaud
Community of Kinkora
Community of Miscouche
Community of Morell
Community of Murray Harbour
Community of New Haven-Riverdale
Community of North Rustico
Community of O'Leary
Community of Resort Municipality
Community of St. Louis
Community of St. Peter's Bay
Community of Tignish
Community of Tyne Valley
Community of Victoria
Community of Wellington
Community of Winsloe South

Appendix II

Census Definitions

The following definitions are provided to assist readers in understanding the terminology used in the census data in this report. For further explanation or details please contact the Labour Market Information unit of Human Resource Development Canada.

Average Employment Income of Individuals - is calculated from unrounded data by dividing the aggregate employment income of a specified group of individuals by the number of individuals with employment income in that group. It refers to individuals 15 years and over who reported employment income for the calendar year 1995.

Census Family - refers to :

- 1) a now married couple (with or without never -married sons and /or daughters of either or both spouses), or
- 2) a couple living common-law (with or without never-married sons and/or daughters of either or both spouses), or
- 3) a lone parent of any marital status, with at least one never-married son or daughter living in the same dwelling.

Census reference date - May 14, 1996

Census reference week - The census reference week was the week prior to enumeration.

Employed - includes all persons who worked for pay or in self-employment in the paid labour force in the week prior to enumeration. This includes all persons working for wages or salaries, all self-employed persons (with or with out paid help) working in their own business, farm or professional practice, and all persons working without pay in a family farm or business during the reference week. (The “employed “ also includes persons who were absent from their job or business for a variety of reasons.)

Employment income by work activity - refers to total income received by persons 15 years of age and over during the calendar year 1995 as wages and salaries; net income from non-farm unincorporated business and /or professional practice and net farm self-employment income for all jobs held. Included in this is both full time work (i.e. 30 hours or more per week) and part time (less than 30 hours per week) as well as those who worked full year (49- 52 weeks of the year) or part of the year (less than 49 weeks per year) .

Ethnic origin - refers to the ethnic or cultural group(s) to which the respondents ancestors belonged. (An ancestor was defined as someone from whom a person is descended and is usually more distant than grandparent). Respondents were asked to specify as many groups as applicable.

Knowledge of Official Languages - refers to the ability to conduct a conversation in English only, in French only, in both English and French or in neither of the official languages of Canada.

Knowledge of Non-official Languages - Refers to languages, other than English or French, in which the respondent can conduct a conversation.

Labour Force - refers to those persons 15 years of age and older, excluding institutional residents who were employed or unemployed during the week (Sunday to Saturday) prior to census day

Mother tongue - refers to the first language learned at home in childhood and still understood by the individual at the time of the census.

Participation rate - refers to the total labour force in the week (Sunday to Saturday) prior to Census day, expressed as a percentage of the population 15 years of age and over, excluding institutional residents.

Unemployed - refers to persons 15 years of age and over, excluding institutional residents, who, during the week (Saturday to Sunday) prior to Census Day, were without paid work and were available for work and either; 1) had actively looked for work in the past four weeks; or 2) were on temporary lay-off and expected to return to their job ; or 3) had definite arrangements to start a new job in four weeks or less.

Unemployment rate - refers to the unemployed labour force expressed as a percentage of the total labour force in the week (Sunday to Saturday) prior to Census Day. Data are available for persons 15 years of age and over, excluding institutional residents.

Visible minority - the employment equity act definition was used. It defines Visible minorities as persons (other than Aboriginal Persons) who are non-Caucasian in race or non-white in color.

Working age population - refers to the number of persons in the total population who are 15 years of age and over, excluding institutional residents.