

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 as 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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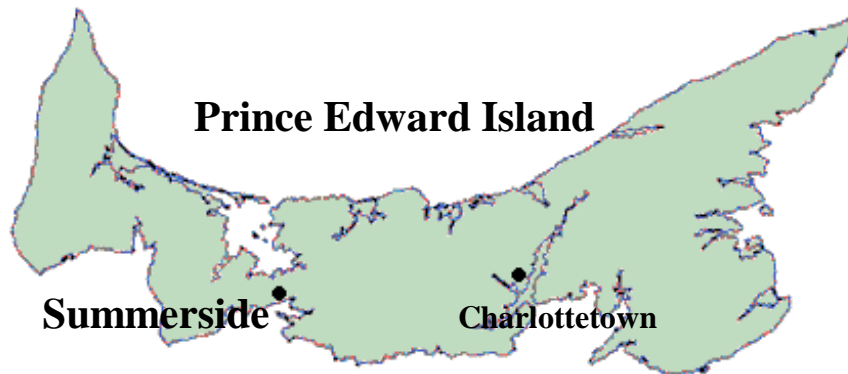
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Municipal Profile: Summerside, Prince Edward Island

General Overview

Summerside is located on the southern shore of Prince Edward Island, on the isthmus separating Malpeque Bay to the North, and Bedeque Bay to the South.

The City encompasses a land area of 27.71 sq. km. It is part of the federal electoral district of Egmont and has within its boundaries two provincial electoral ridings: District 21 (Wilmot-Summerside) and District 22 (St. Eleanors-Summerside).



Near its eastern and northern boundaries, Summerside is traversed by the Trans Canada Highway, Route 1A and the provincial all-weather highway, Route 2.

Distances	
Charlottetown	71 km
Confederation Bridge	28 km
Wood Islands	132 km

The City of Summerside was incorporated April 1, 1995, with the amalgamation of the Town of Summerside and the communities of St. Eleanors, Sherbrooke, and Wilmot.

Before the arrival of European settlers, the area where the City of Summerside is now located was often frequented by the Mi'kmaq. The name "Bedeque Bay" is derived from the Mi'kmaq word *Bedec*, meaning "sultry place".

The first Europeans to settle were Acadian farmers, followed by United Empire Loyalists from the United States, Irish, British, and Scottish settlers. Between 1834 and 1876, St. Eleanors was the county seat and had a thriving and diverse economy.

Summerside began to develop in the 1840s. The shipbuilding industry and the laying of rail tracks across the Island, with a spur down to Queen's Wharf contributed to its faster growth from the mid 1800s. The Town of Summerside was devastated by a great fire in 1906, but the thriving and lucrative fox-farming industry greatly contributed to its reconstruction. The recently erected mural on the exterior wall of the downtown fire station commemorates this historic event.

Population

The 1996 Census indicates Summerside’s population to be 14,525, which marks an increase of 6.5% since 1991. PEI’s total population increased by 3.7% since the last Census. In Summerside, 48% of the population is male and 52% is female. The distribution of the population by age groups is consistent with the distribution on a provincial level.

Population by Age and Sex

Source: 1996 Census



Language and Ethnic Origin

In Summerside, 92% of the population indicated English as their mother tongue. For 6% of the population, their mother tongue was French, and for 1%, it was a non-official language (9 were named). Approximately 1% indicated that their mother tongue was *both* English and French.

When asked to indicate their knowledge of official languages, respondents in Summerside indicated a higher level of biligualism than in the province as a whole. In Summerside, 15% of the

population has knowledge of both English and French, whereas provincially 11% know both official languages.

When asked in the Census to identify their ethnic origins, it was found that 41% of Summerside residents have some English origins, 37% some Scottish, 34% some French, 26% some Canadian, and 25% some Irish. An additional 31 different ethnic origins were given by 15% of the population.

Employment Income

The following table represents the employment income of Summerside residents 15 years of age and over according to the 1996 Census:

Employment Income			
	Number of Persons	Average Employment Income	PEI Average Employment Income
All persons with employment income by work activity	7775	\$20,093	\$18,951
Worked full year, full time	3455	\$29,679	\$30,039
Worked part year or part time	4120	\$12,270	\$12,025
Males with employment income	4040	\$24,337	\$22,663
Females with employment income	3735	\$15,502	\$14,724

Source: 1996 Census

The income figures 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, 57% above the female average. 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 Summerside was slightly higher, 6% higher than the average

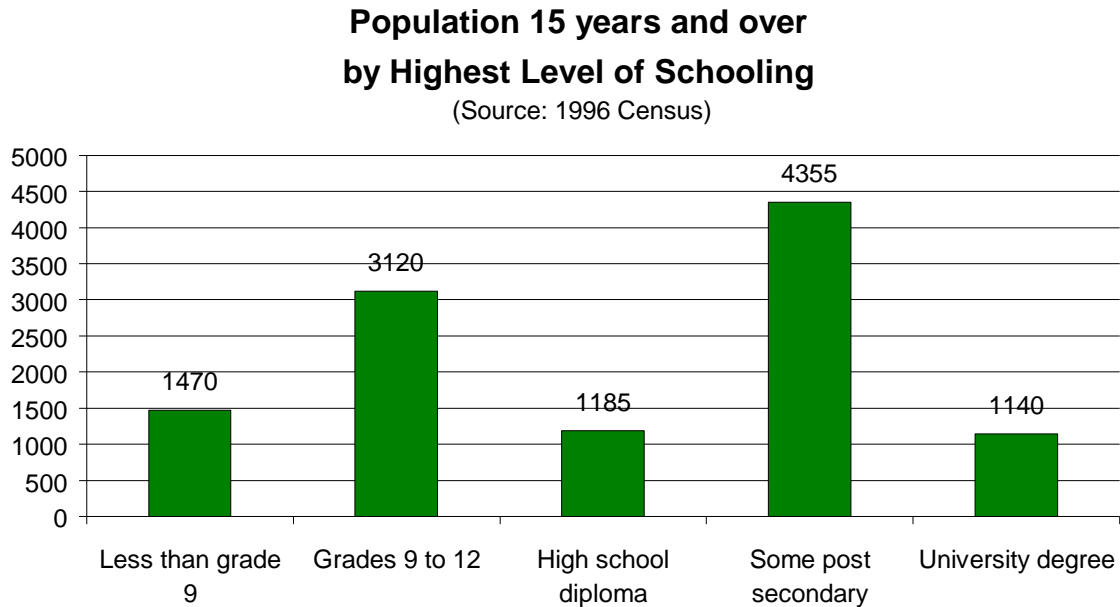
employment income for all persons in PEI. The average income for males in Summerside was approximately 7% more than the provincial average for males as compared to 5% higher for females.

There were 3,455 persons in Summerside who worked in full year, full time employment. The average employment income for this group of workers was \$29,679, which is similar to the provincial average.

There are 4,000 Census families in Summerside. The average family income is \$46,031.

Education

The following graph shows the various education levels reported in the 1996 Census for persons 15 years of age and over in Summerside:



Of Summerside's working age population, 15 years of age and over, (11,285) approximately 41% have less than Grade 12 education, 59% possess a high school diploma or higher. 10% of the working age population have obtained a university degree. The distribution of Summerside's working age population by highest level of education is similar to the province as a whole.

Post-Secondary Qualifications

There are 2050 males in Summerside with post-secondary qualifications. 67% of these are in one of the 2 following fields:

- 48% are in the field of Engineering and applied science technologies and trades
- 19% are in Commerce, management and business administration

Males With Post-Secondary Qualifications By Major Field Of Study

Total	2050
Engineering and applied science technologies and trades	975
Commerce, management and business administration	395
Social sciences and related fields	145
Educational, recreational and counselling services	105
Health professions, sciences and technologies	100
Humanities and related fields	75
Agricultural and biological sciences/technologies	70
Engineering and applied sciences	65
Fine and applied arts	60
Mathematics and physical sciences	40

Source: 1996 Census

Females With Post-Secondary Qualifications By Major Field Of Study

Total	2415
Commerce, management and business administration	890
Health professions, sciences and technologies	525
Educational, recreational and counselling services	355
Social sciences and related fields	155
Fine and applied arts	140
Agricultural and biological sciences/technologies	135
Engineering and applied science technologies and trades	100
Humanities and related fields	90
Mathematics and physical sciences	15

Source: 1996 Census

There are 2415 females in Summerside with post-secondary qualifications. 73% of these specialized in one of the following 3 fields of study:

- 37% in the field of Commerce, management and business administration
- 22% in Health professions, science and technologies
- 15% in Education, recreational and counselling services

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		
	Summerside	P.E.I.
Total population 15 years and over	11,285	103,750
In the labour force	7,600	70,820
Employed	6,795	6,1060
Unemployed	800	9,760
Participation Rate	67.3%	68.3%
Unemployment Rate	10.5%	13.8%

Source: 1996 Census

At the time of the 1996 Census, Summerside had a working age population of 11,285 persons and a labour force which numbered 7600. The participation rate was 67.3, which is comparable to the provincial average of 68.3%

Summerside's labour force represents 11% of PEI's total labour force. The labour force was composed of 6795 persons who were employed and 800

who were unemployed. The unemployment rate during the Census reference week was 10.5%, which is considerably lower than the provincial rate of 13.8%. Summerside's lower unemployment rate can be attributed to the city's large population base which results in year round demand for goods and services. In addition, the labour force activity is diversified over a large number of industries.

Major Industries and Occupations

Labour Force by Industry

Summerside’s labour force of 7600 is distributed among 16 industries. Much of the employment in Summerside is derived from year round industry such as retail trade, manufacturing, health and social services and government.

Over one half of the Summerside labour force is associated with one of the following five industries:

- Retail trade is the largest industry at 14%
- Manufacturing, which includes processing plants, accounts for 12% of the labour force
- Health and social services accounts for 11%
- Government, which includes federal, provincial and local government services accounts for 10% of the labour force
- Accommodation, food and beverage service makes up 10% of the labour force

Labour Force by Industry	
Retail trade industries	1070
Manufacturing industries	875
Health and social service industries	820
Government service industries	750
Accommodation, food and beverage service industries	725
Other service industries	585
Construction industries	535
Educational service industries	440
Transportation and storage industries	380
Wholesale trade industries	300
Business service industries	250
Agricultural and related service industries	190
Finance and insurance industries	175
Real estate operator and insurance agent industries	145
Communication and other utility industries	115
Fishing and trapping industries	60

Source: 1996 Census

Fishing

The total value of landings at the Summerside wharf in 1996 was \$383,000, this represents less than one half of 1% of the value of all landings on P.E.I. Together, oysters and lobster accounted for 88% of the total value of the landings, with lobster accounting for just over one half of the landings and oysters accounting for 36% of the total. All of the landings were from the inshore fishery on vessels under 44 feet in length.

Port of Summerside Landings 1996		
	Landings (1000 RWKGMS)	Value in thousand dollars
Groundfish		
Tomcod	0.34	0.07
Pelagic and estuarial		
Herring	112.45	17.96
Smelts	18.31	15.28
Shellfish		
Bar clams	0.71	0.69
Soft shell clams	1.94	2.79
Quahaugs	0.36	1.03
Oysters (American)	66.05	140.53
Lobster	21.23	198.02
Rock crab	13.09	6.63
Port total	234.48	383.00

Source: Department of Fisheries and Oceans,
DFO Statistics, 1996

Agriculture

Agriculture is an important activity in and around Summerside. 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 17, which includes the City of Summerside.

	Lot 17	Provincial Total
Total Number of Farms	52	2,217
Total Area of Farms		
Acres	16,977	655,365
Hectares	6,870	265,217
Total Farms Capital	\$33.7 million	\$1,417 billion
Total Gross Farms Receipts	\$11.7 million	\$349.2 million
Total Farm Expenses	\$10.7 million	\$288.6 million

Source: 1996 Census of Agriculture, Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada.

This area has approximately 2.3% of the total number of farms in P.E.I. and represents approximately 2.6% of the total provincial acreage. Total gross farm receipts in the area were about 3.3% of the provincial total.

Labour Force by Occupation

Summerside has a labour force of 7600, 4000 males and 3600 females. 60% of the labour force is associated in one of the following 3 occupations:

- Sales and service occupations is the largest group, with 30% of the total
- Trades, transport and equipment operators and related occupations represents 15% of the total labour force
- Business, finance and administrative occupations accounts for another 15%
- The remaining 7 occupational groups make up 40% of the total Summerside labour force

Labour Force by Occupation			
	Total Labour Force	Male Labour Force	Female Labour Force
Sales and service occupations	2315	895	1420
Trades, transport and equipment operators and related occupations	1155	1085	70
Business, finance and administrative occupations	1135	340	795
Management occupations	665	495	170
Occupations unique to processing, manufacturing and utilities	655	375	285
Health occupations	445	95	355
Occupations in social science, education, government service and religion	425	195	230
Occupations unique to primary industry	300	230	70
Natural and applied sciences and related occupations	220	180	35
Occupations in art, culture, recreation and sport	95	40	60

Source: 1996 Census

Labour Force by Occupation, Males and Females

Half (51%) of the male labour force, (4000), is associated with one of the 3 following occupational categories.

- Trades, transport and equipment operators and related occupations, such as transportation equipment operators and related workers, (27%)
- Sales and service occupations, such as retail salespersons and sales clerks, (22%)
- Management occupations, such as managers in retail trade, food and accommodation services, (12%)

61% of the female labour force, (3600) is associated with one of the 3 following categories.

- Sales and service occupations, such as childcare and home support workers, (39%)
- Business, finance and administrative occupations, such as clerical occupations, (22%)
- Health occupations, such as nurse supervisors and registered nurses, (10%)

Business and Commerce

The list of businesses operating in Summerside is far too long to list in this document. However, interested parties may direct themselves to the Greater Summerside Chamber of Commerce or the City of Summerside.

The Greater Summerside Chamber of Commerce publishes an extensive “Business Directory and Information Guide” each year. The GSCC can be reached at (902) 436-9651.

In addition, the City is publishing a detailed business directory to appear in Summer 1998.

The City of Summerside has a web site at: <http://www.city.summerside.pe.ca>

Accommodations and Convention Facilities

Accommodations

Slemon Park
Baker's Lighthouse Motel
Beladin Farm Tourist Home
Best Western Linkletter Inn & Convention Centre
Cairns Motel
Green Acres Motel
MacDonald's Bed & Breakfast
Mulberry Motel
Paneau Bed & Breakfast
Phyllis' Bed & Breakfast
Quality Inn Garden of the Gulf
Silver Fox Inn
Summerside Motel & Restaurant
Sunny Isle Motel
The Arbor Inn
The Loyalist Country Inn
Traveller's Inn and Convention Centre
Willowgreen Farm Bed & Breakfast
Wilmot Tourist Home

Convention facilities

Best Western Linkletter Inn & Convention Centre
Quality Inn Garden of the Gulf
Slemon Park
The Loyalist Country Inn
Traveller's Inn and Convention Centre

Transportation and Communication

Land

The City of Summerside has direct access to the Island's two major highways: Route 1A (the Trans Canada Highway) and Route 2. Summerside is 28 km from the Confederation Bridge which links the Island to the mainland.

Air

The Slemon Park Airport is a private airport with hangar and refueling services. It deals primarily with corporate aircraft and general aviation and has the capacity to handle commercial aircraft.

Sea

The Port of Summerside is located on the South shore of the Island on Bedeque Bay. It is used mainly to bring supplies to the Island and to export agricultural goods, the majority of which are potatoes, to international markets.

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, fuel by truck, stevedoring, sewage disposal, port of entry, harbour master and wharfinger. Pilotage is not compulsory but it is available. Approach channel restrictions are as follows: width 8.0m; depth 6.7m. Berthage is in 4 sections (length by depth): 187m by 8.45m; 183m by 7.0m; 91.5m by 8.45m. There are 2 heated sheds: 149m by 12m and 137m by 18m. There is an open storage area of 10,500 square meters.

Media

The Journal Pioneer is published daily in Summerside. There is also a weekly French-language publication out of Summerside, *La Voix Acadienne*. One radio station broadcasts from the City: CJRW AM1240. Prince County Cablevision provides Community Access Channel 7 to area subscribers.

Housing and Real Estate

Commercial

There are three major shopping centres in Summerside:

Summerside Mall - 81,000 square feet
Waterfront Mall - 149,310 square feet
County Fair Mall - 151,630 square feet

Residential

The Multiple Listing Service (MLS) list the following average prices for homes in the Summerside, St. Eleanor's & Miscouche region (as of March 1998): \$60,622 for a 1 or 2 bedroom home; \$131,983 for a 5 (or more) bedroom home; \$99,179 overall average.

Source: PEI Real Estate Association.

At the time of this report (April 1998) there was one new subdivision under development.

Summerside has seniors units which are administered by the P.E.I. Housing Corporation.

Average rental for Apartments

Source: CMHC

<u>Vacancy Rates</u>	(%)
Bachelor	21.3
1 Bedroom	7.2
2 Bedroom	8.9
3 Bedroom +	2.7

<u>Average Rents</u>	(\$)
Bachelor	n/a
1 Bedroom	388
2 Bedroom	506
3 Bedroom +	536

<u>Number of Units</u>	
Bachelor	21
1 Bedroom	118
2 Bedroom	514
3 Bedroom +	321

Education

Pre-school

Play and Learn Kindergarten
Maternelle des Bons Amis
Jardin Des Etoiles
Kare-A-Lot Child Care Center
Precious Lambs Day Care
Rainbow Day Care
YMCA of Summerside Kindergarten and
Playschool
YMCA of Summerside Pryme Tyme
St. Paul's Head Start
Ada Louise Learning Centre is an
educational centre which promotes
learning at any age.

Elementary

Parkside Elementary School -- Grades 1
through 6; student population 338
Greenfield Elementary School -- Grades 1
through 6; student population 482
Elm Street Elementary School -- Grades 1
through 6; student population 494

Secondary

Athena Consolidated School-- Grades 1
through 9; student population 451
Summerside Intermediate School -- Grades
7 through 9; student population 615
Three Oaks Senior High School -- Grades
10 through 12; student population 826

Private Training Facilities

The following Prince Edward Island
registered trade schools were located in
Summerside as of January 1998:
Abegweit Associates
Career Skills
Hair Concepts Training Centre
Holland College has 4 campuses in
Summerside: Justice Institute of Canada,
Aviation Maintenance Institute, Marine
Centre, Summerside Centre.
Pro-Train transport truck and school bus
driver training

Health Care Facilities

Hospitals

Prince County Hospital

Clinics

Summerside Medical Centre
Physiotherapy clinic

Doctors

There are approximately 40 doctors in
the area. There are also 10 dentists, 3
optometrists, and 1 chiropractor.

Long term facilities

MacDonald's Community Care Home
Summerset Manor provides long-term
care for seniors (119 beds)
Wedgewood Manor - Long Term Care
facility (75 beds)

Meals on Wheels is also active in the
City.

Points of service

Access PEI

Access PEI is the regional services centre covering the East Prince area. Its offices include the following provincial departments and community organizations:

- Agriculture and Forestry
- Apprenticeship Training
- Client Services
- Crown Attorney
- Culture, Heritage and Recreation
- Emergency Measures
- Enterprise PEI
- Family Support Order Program
- Highway Safety Division
- Licences and Permits
- Planning and Inspection services
- Prince County Premiers Office
- Probation Services
- Provincial Treasury
- Staffing and Classification
- Tax Payments

Community Access Program

The Community Access Program (CAP) provides computers and internet access for public use. Summerside CAP sites and other public computer access sites are at the Rotary Regional Library, the St. Eleanor's Community Centre and the Summerside HRC Resource Centre.

East Prince Youth Development Centre

The East Prince Youth Development Centre provides programs and services for youth, including employment, training, volunteer work and personal development.

Municipal Services

The City administration is divided into 8 departments:

1. Community Services - recreation, culture, special events
2. Municipal Services - Public Works, water and sewer, electric utility, snow removal, sidewalk and street maintenance, storm drains
3. Fire Services - two stations
4. Police Services
5. Finance
6. Human Resources
7. Economic Development
8. Technical Services - permits, GIS, planning

Tax Rates

In 1995, the City of Summerside was created from the amalgamation of 4 communities. All commercial property tax rates are proposed to be harmonized to \$1.92 per \$100 of assessment by the year 2000, and non-commercial property tax rates to \$1.72 per \$100 of assessment. For 1998, the property tax rates are as follows:

Commercial Property Tax Rates per \$100 of assessment:

- Summerside: 1.96
- St. Eleanor's: 1.80
- Wilmot: 1.90
- Sherbrooke: 1.80

Non-Commercial Property Tax Rates per \$100 of assessment:

- Summerside: 1.74
- St Eleanor's: 1.80
- Wilmot: 1.71
- Sherbrooke: 1.66

Waste disposal is administered by the Province under the Waste Watch program. The City has an animal control bylaw.

Long range objectives

Current growth in the City is most notable in the aerospace and telecommunications industries.

The City has plans to develop a "Historic Village" as a tourist and cultural attraction.

Planning is underway for a waterfront recreational development in anticipation of the Canada Games in 2009. Longer term economic development and strategic planning is ongoing.

Recreation

The City Recreation Department works with many different groups to provide a variety of programs and activities. For the most up-to-date listing of programs and events, call the Community Services Department (902) 432-1282.

Facilities and Programs

Centennial Pool:

Aquaquest Swim Program, adult swim lessons, Aquafit water aerobics, Deck Dance every week for young people, regular public swims. Other groups have programs at the pool, such as the Arthritis Society, Summerside Dolphins Club, Masters Swim Club, and Synchro Ten Star Program. Birthday party packages are available.

Summerside Recreation Centre Bowling Lanes:

Casual bowling, various leagues with different sponsors, Special Olympics, Community Connections (integrating people with disabilities), seniors, youth, "moonlight bowling".

Summerside Recreation Centre Rinks:

2 ice surfaces: Cahill Stadium and Steele Arena. 7 prime users rent most of the hours; minor hockey, figure skating, Western Capitals junior A hockey team, Junior B lightning team, men's recreational hockey (3 leagues), women's hockey league. There are also family skates, adult skates, preschool skate, noon hour hockey.

There is an additional ice surface at Slemon Park and the running track at Queen Elizabeth Park is flooded in winter to create a skating oval. Other activities at Summerside Recreation Centre: games, tae kwon do and roller-hockey in spring.

The City manages 50 acres of green space inside the City, including 13 parks. Some have supervised wading pools.

In addition, the City provides:

- 6 full sized ball fields (3 of which are lighted)
- 3 smaller fields
- 9 tennis courts
- Running tracks (at Three Oaks Senior High and Queen Elizabeth Park)
- Rugby and soccer fields at the schools
- Mini sledding and tobogganing hill
- Confederation Trail: 13 km in the city; pea gravel surface
- Outdoor basketball courts - Five half courts, one full court, plus facilities at the schools
- Golf driving range

Plans are in the works to build beach volleyball courts.

2 Community Centres have facilities available to groups at no charge.

Other Recreational Programs and Clubs

- Summer recreation programs: supervision at 3 park wading pools, 6 1-week long day camps, arts and crafts, community garden, weekly bike tours on Rails to Trails, drop in areas, tour of city facilities.
 - Gymnastics Club
 - Tai Chi Program
 - Tae Kwon Do
 - Badminton Club
 - Men's Basketball League
 - Roller Hockey League
 - Judo Club
 - Dunne Hockey School
 - Basketball Camps
 - Soccer program
 - Annual swim - race
 - Blue Jays Camp for Island children
 - Youth curling program
 - Beavers, cubs, scouts, adventurers, sparks, brownies, girl guides, pathfinders, rangers
 - Privately offered hockey schools
 - Basketball camps
 - Bedeque Bay Environmental Management Association has a community garden
- New programs planned: an Ultimate Frisbee league, flag football, seniors walking club.

Cultural Facilities and Events

Facilities

College of Piping – education, exhibits, and live performances
PEI Sports Hall of Fame
Eptek National Exhibition Centre
Harbourfront Jubilee Theatre
Lefurgey Cultural Centre
Rotary Regional Library
Spinnakers Landing
Murals on city walls
Mobile staging for outdoor concerts available for various events and diverse venues

Events

Summerside Highland Gathering
Celtic Festival
Children's Summer Day Camp
Summerside Lobster Carnival
National Peewee Baseball Championship Festival
Private Turner's War
Kite Flying displays
IGA Meet Your Neighbour BBQ once a week in the summer
Communities in Bloom projects
City of Lights Festival
City Birthday - April 1
Canada Day Celebrations
Gene MacLellan Festival / Country Jamming
Fun and Games Festival
Prince County Hospital Foundation
Summer Festivals (music, dance, games)

In 1998, Summerside is a City of Lights and hosts a special PEI 125 New Years Eve Celebration in the park.

Historic Monuments

Texts courtesy of Parks Canada

A plaque located on the old Armoury is dedicated to Georgina Fane Pope:
“Pope was selected in 1899 to superintend Canada's military nurses in the South African War. She was the first Canadian to receive the Royal Red Cross and in 1908 became Canada's first Nursing Matron having charge of all Canadian military nurses.”

A plaque on former Summerside Post Office (now Summerside City Hall) reads:

“Built from 1883-86, this structure was designed under the direction of Thomas Fuller who served as Chief Architect of the Department of Public Works from 1881-86. This basic design was adapted to many small post offices across the country and came to symbolize the federal presence throughout Canada.”

The gravesite of William Henry Pope (a Father of Confederation) is located in St. John's Anglican cemetery.

A mural on exterior of downtown fire station commemorates the Great Fire of 1906.

Churches

Christian Church
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
Church of the Nazarene
Fountain of Life Fellowship
Free Church of Scotland
Fundamental Baptist
Hillcrest Pentecostal Assembly
Presbyterian
Salvation Army
St. Mary's Anglican
St. Paul's Roman Catholic
St. John's Anglican
Summerside Bible Chapel
Trinity United
United Baptist
United Pentecostal Church

Community Organizations

Being the Island's second largest city and the commercial and service centre for Prince County, Summerside is home to many and diverse organizations devoted to self-help, personal development, health, family services, religion, community service, the environment, leisure, and social life. The Summerside Community Services Department (1-800-267-7245) or the Provincial Department of Health and Social services (<http://www.gov.pe.ca/>) can provide a complete listing.

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Human Resources Development Canada

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

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

The site also contains links to other sites of interest.

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The Summerside Human Resource Centre provides a full line of Human Resources Development Canada service in both official languages to the Eastern portion of Prince County from the community of Tyne Valley in the West to the Prince and Queens County line in the East, including lot 20 in Queens County. The area has a labour force of 16,000 people.

Hours of operation:

8.30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Monday to Friday

Telephone Numbers.-

Employment Insurance Inquiries: 902-432-6835

Long Distance Exchanges (English): 1-800-206-7218,

(French): 1-800-808-63 52

Job lines-. 902-432-6812, 902-432-6813, 902-432-6834

Employment Services:

General enquiries: 902-432-6804 Employer Job Orders: 902-432-6823

Records of Employment:

Enquiries: 902-432-6840

Orders: 902-432-6805 Toll Free: 1-800-578-6821

(Note: Records of employment are available by mail only)

Income Security Programs:

(Canada Pension/Old Age Security)

English: 1-800-277-9914

French: 1-800-277-9915

Human Resource Centre for Students: (May to August) 432-6890

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.