



Prince Edward Island

Prince Edward Island is the smallest province in Canada both in size and population with an estimated population of 135, 851 residents. Many refer to PEI as the Island, and it renowned for its peaceful way of life and welcoming residents (*'the islanders'*). Known for its vivid colours of its gently rolling landscape and relaxing sandy white beaches, it's no wonder the province brings in 1.2 million annual visitors.

There are two major cities that cover the province, and several smaller towns that represent the population. Charlottetown and Summerside are the 2 major cities in PEI and the 7 towns are:

1. Alberton <http://www.gov.pe.ca/municipalities/onemuni.php3?place=Alberton>
2. Cornwall <http://www.gov.pe.ca/municipalities/onemuni.php3?place=Cornwall>
3. Georgetown
<http://www.gov.pe.ca/municipalities/onemuni.php3?place=Georgetown>
4. Kensington
<http://www.gov.pe.ca/municipalities/onemuni.php3?place=Kensington>
5. Montague <http://www.gov.pe.ca/municipalities/onemuni.php3?place=Montague>
6. Souris <http://www.gov.pe.ca/municipalities/onemuni.php3?place=Souris>
7. Stratford <http://www.gov.pe.ca/municipalities/onemuni.php3?place=Stratford>

1. Charlottetown

(<http://www.gov.pe.ca/placefinder/index.php3?cgndb=BAARG&city=Charlottetown>)

Charlottetown is the capital of Prince Edward Island and is located in Queens County in the Central portion of the island. Its population is approximately 32, 531 residents.

Charlottetown has so much to offer in the way of entertainment, arts and cultures, sports and education, and has a wide variety of useful resources for new residents. The link below contains a wealth of information regarding the city and all of its offerings.

Education

The Eastern School Board covers Charlottetown and surrounding areas. The School Board is the largest in PEI and serves approximately 14, 000 students. The school board contains 43 schools and is broken down into families.

http://www.edu.pe.ca/esd/our_district/families.htm

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Schools in the district represent a variety of grade configurations, including, but not limited to the classic elementary (grades 1-6), intermediate (grades 7-9), and senior high (grades 10-12). Other configurations, especially in the rural areas, see schools with grades 1-8 or grades 1-9.

To see a list of schools and their locations and contact information, please see the attachment sent this report (in your original email), and perhaps you can see some while you are visiting the province.

II. Summerside

<http://www.city.summerside.pe.ca/about/>

While smaller than Charlottetown in size and population, Summerside has a lot to offer newcomers as well. With a population of approximately 14,525 residents, it offers beautiful landscape and is a major tourist destination in Eastern Canada and is a leading commercial centre in Prince Edward Island.

With a rich history, exciting events, and unparalleled hospitality, the city is a great place to work, play, live, and visit. With premier sporting and culture events, first-class accommodations and attractions, and City-sponsored facilities and programs, our community takes pride in its "never a dull moment" philosophy.

Education

Summerside's public schools fall under the Western School Board, which is comprised of 21 schools throughout the area, and much like the Eastern School Board, it offers programs in French Immersion as well.

<http://www.edu.pe.ca/wsb/schools/index.htm>

The schools in the Western School Board are located in quieter, rural communities, although you are not too far away from the beaches or Charlottetown. The school board prides itself on community and parental involvement and considers Summerside to be a learning community.

Each school has well-equipped computer labs, and are aimed at integrating the ever-growing need for technology into the curriculum. Strong athletic programs are also on the top of the list for these institutions.

Economy

Prince Edward Island's economy experienced a 2% growth since 2005 and a GDP of approximately \$4, 142 million.