

STATISTICS CANADA RELEASES REVISED 2008 GDP DATA

On November 9, 2009 Statistics Canada released revised Provincial Gross Domestic Product (GDP) data for the period 2005-2008. The P.E.I. GDP at market prices in current dollars was valued at \$4,624 million in 2008. The statistics now show that the Prince Edward Island economy expanded by 0.5 per cent in chained 2002 dollars. This is slightly lower than the preliminary estimates released in April 2009 by Statistics Canada. The data now shows growth of 2.7 per cent in 2006 and 2.5 per cent in 2007, which is slightly stronger growth than previously estimated.

As Table 1 indicates, the national economy grew by 0.4 per cent in chained 2002 dollars in 2008.

Table 1

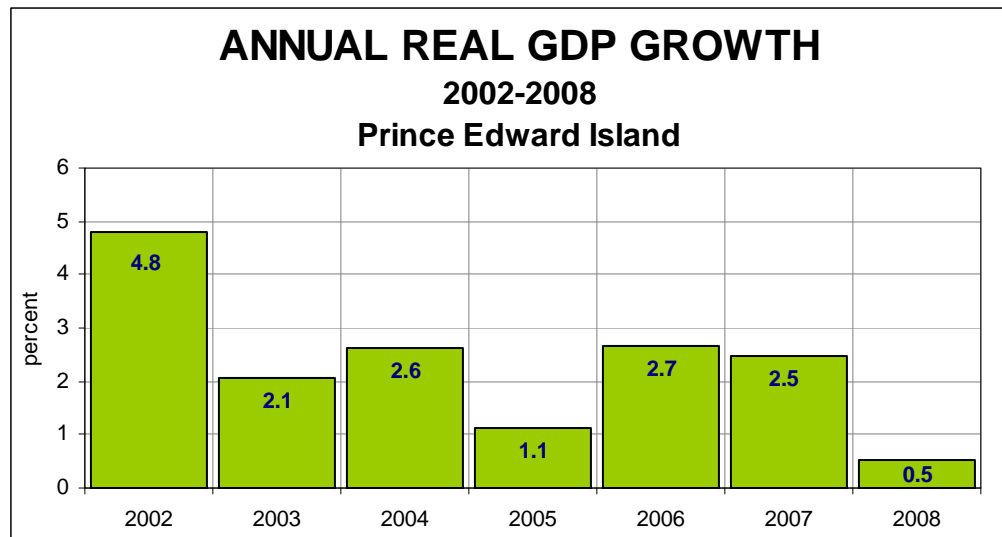
REAL GDP GROWTH AND NOMINAL GDP, CANADA AND PROVINCES

PROVINCE:	CHAINED GDP GROWTH (%)				NOMINAL 2008 GDP \$ millions
	2005	2006	2007	2008	
Newfoundland	2.2	3.5	9.1	0.5	31,277
P.E.I.	1.1	2.7	2.5	0.5	4,624
Nova Scotia	1.1	0.8	1.2	2.2	34,188
New Brunswick	1.2	2.7	0.4	0.0	27,372
Quebec	1.8	1.7	2.8	1.0	302,225
Ontario	2.8	2.4	2.3	-0.5	587,827
Manitoba	2.6	3.3	3.6	2.0	50,834
Saskatchewan	3.1	-1.0	3.6	4.2	63,509
Alberta	4.5	6.2	2.5	0.0	291,256
British Columbia	4.7	4.2	2.9	0.0	197,931
Canada	3.0	2.9	2.5	0.4	1,600,081

Personal Expenditures on Consumer Goods and Services contributed 1.8 percentage points to the growth of GDP in 2008. This was followed by Net Government Current Expenditure on Goods and Services (up by 1.4 percentage points) and Government Gross Fixed Capital Formation (up by 0.5 percentage points). An overall reduction in exports from P.E.I. subtracted 2.3 percentage points from GDP. Other negative contributors were Business Gross Fixed Capital Formation (-0.81 percentage points) and Business Investment in Inventories (-0.28 percentage points).

Diagram 1 illustrates provincial economic growth from 2002 to 2008 in chained 2002 dollars.

Diagram 1



Source: Statistics Canada, cat. No. 13-213-XPB.

In terms of current dollars, GDP at market prices increased by 3.0 per cent in 2008.

Statistics Canada also released revised data on P.E.I.'s *GDP by Industry* in chained 2002 dollars. This measure provides industry detail of the provincial economy, shown in Table 2. By that measure Island GDP grew by 0.7 per cent in 2008. The goods producing sector of the P.E.I. economy decreased by 3.5 per cent from 2007. Crop and Animal production declined for the second straight year, falling by 8.8 per cent. The fishing industry saw growth of 6.5 per cent in 2008. Manufacturing fell by 2.0 per cent in 2008, with declines in Food Manufacturing (-4.1 per cent) and Chemical manufacturing (-18.8 per cent). The Construction industry also showed a decline, falling by 4.5 per cent. However, residential construction advanced in 2008 by 6.6 per cent and non-residential construction increased by 2.5 per cent.

In 2008 the service sector was 2.1 per cent higher than in 2007. With the exception of Wholesale Trade, which declined by 3.2 per cent, all industries in the service sector showed growth. Leading the way was Transportation and Warehousing (6.7 per cent), followed by Education Services (3.2 per cent), Public Administration (3.1 per cent), Retail Trade (2.7 per cent), and Information and Cultural Industries (2.2 per cent).

TABLE 2**P.E.I. GDP BY INDUSTRY (in constant chained 2002 Dollars)**

INDUSTRY:	2005	2006	% Growth	2007	% Growth	2008	% Growth
Agriculture	323.8	334.3	3.2%	325.9	-2.5%	309.7	-5.0%
Crop and Animal Production	217.6	226.5	4.1%	214.7	-5.2%	195.9	-8.8%
Forestry & Logging	8.1	6.1	-24.7%	4.9	-19.7%	3.4	-30.6%
Fishing	87.7	93.3	6.4%	98.9	6.0%	105.3	6.5%
Mining	0.5	0.5	0.0%	0.3	-40.0%	0.2	-33.3%
Manufacturing	372.6	352.2	-5.5%	366.1	3.9%	358.9	-2.0%
Food Manufacturing	179.3	170.8	-4.7%	184.8	8.2%	177.2	-4.1%
Construction	163.5	187.8	14.9%	212.4	13.1%	202.9	-4.5%
Utilities	45	49.9	10.9%	50.4	1.0%	50.1	-0.6%
TOTAL GOODS	907.8	932.1	2.7%	969.4	4.0%	935.6	-3.5%
Transport. & Warehous.	90.2	89.3	-1.0%	91.1	2.0%	97.2	6.7%
Information & Culture	114.9	117.4	2.2%	119.1	1.4%	121.7	2.2%
Retail trade	251.2	261.9	4.3%	276.2	5.5%	283.7	2.7%
Wholesale trade	108.4	112.6	3.9%	113.1	0.4%	109.5	-3.2%
Fin., Insur. & Real Est.	650.2	677.4	4.2%	692.1	2.2%	702.9	1.6%
Admin. & Support Serv	57.9	65.2	12.6%	66	1.2%	66.1	0.2%
Profess. Scient. Techn.	78.3	82.1	4.9%	83	1.1%	84.6	1.9%
Public Administration	453.4	462	1.9%	470.4	1.8%	485	3.1%
Educational Services	239.7	244.7	2.1%	250.5	2.4%	258.4	3.2%
Health & Soc. Services	337.6	339.7	0.6%	345.4	1.7%	350	1.3%
Accomm., Food, Bvgs	124.1	122.4	-1.4%	122.7	0.2%	124.8	1.7%
Arts, Entert. & Recreat.	35.8	34.2	-4.5%	34.8	1.8%	35	0.6%
Other Services	92.1	94.2	2.3%	95.7	1.6%	98.2	2.6%
TOTAL SERVICES	2,639.6	2,707.0	2.6%	2,763.7	2.1%	2,821.2	2.1%
ALL INDUSTRIES	3,545.2	3,639.2	2.7%	3,732.0	2.6%	3,759.2	0.7%

Note: the sum of the chained values for each component of an aggregate does not equal the chained value of the aggregate.

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