



## STATISTICS CANADA RELEASES REVISED 2006 GDP DATA

On November 8, 2007 Statistics Canada released revised Provincial Gross Domestic Product (GDP) data for the period 2003-2006. The P.E.I. GDP at market prices in current dollars was valued at \$4,304 million in 2006. The statistics now show that the Prince Edward Island economy expanded by 2.6 per cent in chained 2002 dollars. This increase was higher than previously estimated by Statistics Canada and followed growth of 1.3 per cent in 2005 and 3.0 per cent in 2004. Increased agricultural activity (+6.9%) and growth in financial, insurance and real estate services (+3.0%) pushed the economy forward in 2006. The fishing industry rebounded in 2006 (+11.9%). This helped drive exports (+3.4%) and supported corporate profits (+15%), despite an overall decline of 0.8% in manufacturing.

As Table 1 indicates, the national economy grew by 2.8 per cent in chained 2002 dollars in 2006.

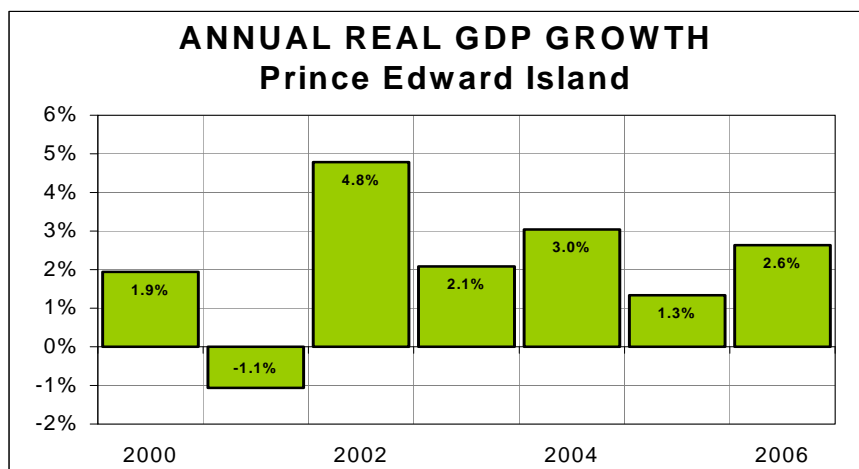
**Table 1**

### REAL GDP GROWTH AND NOMINAL GDP, CANADA AND PROVINCES

PROVINCE:	CHAINED GDP GROWTH (%)				NOMINAL 2006 GDP \$ millions
	2003	2004	2005	2006	
Newfoundland	5.8	-1.7	0.2	3.3	25,608
<b>P.E.I.</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>4,304</b>
Nova Scotia	1.4	1.4	1.8	0.9	31,997
New Brunswick	2.8	1.4	0.5	3.0	25,346
Quebec	1.2	2.6	2.0	1.7	282,841
Ontario	1.4	2.5	2.9	2.1	557,784
Manitoba	1.4	2.6	2.7	3.2	44,851
Saskatchewan	4.6	3.8	3.5	-0.4	45,922
Alberta	3.2	5.2	5.3	6.6	240,025
British Columbia	2.3	3.7	4.5	3.3	180,328
<b>Canada</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>1,446,307</b>

Diagram 1 illustrates provincial economic growth from 2000 to 2006 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 4.5 per cent in 2006. Statistics Canada reported that personal income on Prince Edward Island rose by 2.7 per cent that year compared to 3.8 per cent growth in 2005. Despite a drop in residential construction, overall construction posted gains on the strength of several major commercial projects. Personal expenditure continued to expand at a good clip (+4.8%) in 2006.

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 2.3 per cent in 2006. The goods-producing sector of the P.E.I. economy increased by 2.0 per cent from 2005. The agricultural industry grew by 6.9 per cent, rebounding from a 6.1% decline in 2005.

In 2006 the service sector formed 74 per cent of total GDP and was 7.2 per cent higher than in 2005. Growth in the service sector was broadly based, with the exception of Transportation and Warehousing. Some highlights in the service sector were the *Finance, Insurance and Real Estate* sector (up 3.0 per cent), *Wholesale & Retail Trade services* (up 1.6 per cent), *Health Care & Social Assistance* (1.1 per cent) and *Accommodation and Food Services* (up 3.8 per cent).

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

<b>INDUSTRY:</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>% Growth</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>% Growth</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>% Growth</b>
Agriculture	223.2	234.2	4.9%	219.8	-6.1%	234.9	6.9%
Forestry & Logging	9	9.2	2.2%	8.8	-4.3%	8.8	0.0%
Fishing	80.3	74.8	-6.8%	65.3	-12.7%	73.1	11.9%
Mining	2.5	1	-60.0%	1	0.0%	1	0.0%
Manufacturing	34.4	37.9	10.2%	39.1	3.2%	38.8	-0.8%
Construction	162	168.1	3.8%	165.1	-1.8%	180.7	9.4%
Utilities	393.5	414.2	5.3%	438.5	5.9%	419.9	-4.2%
<b>TOTAL GOODS</b>	<b>910</b>	<b>924</b>	<b>1.5%</b>	<b>923</b>	<b>-0.1%</b>	<b>941</b>	<b>2.0%</b>
Transport. & Warehous.	86	83	-3.5%	84.1	1.3%	83.2	-1.1%
Information & Culture	112.4	114	1.4%	X	NA	121.3	NA
Retail trade	235.3	243.7	3.6%	244.5	0.3%	249.8	2.2%
Wholesale trade	102.1	104.4	2.3%	105.9	1.4%	106.3	0.4%
Fin., Insur. & Real Est.	609.2	631.6	3.7%	650.6	3.0%	669.8	3.0%
Admin. & Support Serv	50.1	56.9	13.6%	59.5	4.6%	63.9	7.4%
Profess. Scient. Techn.	73.3	76.5	4.4%	78.1	2.1%	81.1	3.8%
Public Administration	449.8	451.1	0.3%	454.6	0.8%	470.7	3.5%
Educational Services	223.6	234.5	4.9%	237.4	1.2%	238.4	0.4%
Health & Soc. Services	318.1	324.5	2.0%	332	2.3%	335.7	1.1%
Accomm., Food, Bvgs	113.8	118.8	4.4%	121.7	2.4%	126.3	3.8%
Arts, Entert. & Recreat.	34.1	34.5	1.2%	36.6	6.1%	37.2	1.6%
Other Services	91	92.8	2.0%	93.8	1.1%	95.4	1.7%
<b>TOTAL SERVICES</b>	<b>2,499</b>	<b>2,597</b>	<b>3.9%</b>	<b>2,648</b>	<b>2.0%</b>	<b>2711</b>	<b>2.4%</b>
<b>ALL INDUSTRIES</b>	<b>3,411.8</b>	<b>3,513.9</b>	<b>3.0%</b>	<b>3,563.9</b>	<b>1.4%</b>	<b>3,645.4</b>	<b>2.3%</b>

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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