

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**.

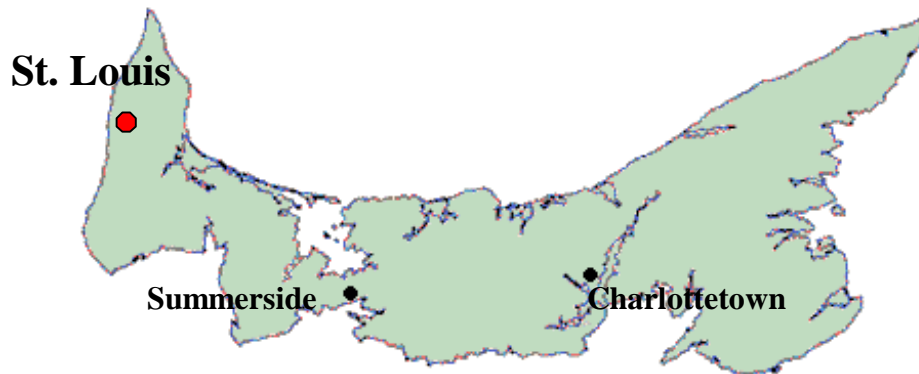
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Municipal Profile: St. Louis, Prince Edward Island

St. Louis is located in Western Prince County, Prince Edward Island, along Route 152, just off the provincial highway, Route 2. The community covers a land area of 0.56 sq. km.

Prince Edward Island



General Overview

St. Louis is located in the federal electoral riding of Egmont and the provincial electoral district # 27 Tignish-Deblois as well as #26 Alberton-Miminegash.

Route 2 is the major point of access to other municipalities. The nearby community of Tignish is 7 km away.

Distances	
Charlottetown	150 km
Confederation Bridge (to New Brunswick)	107 km
Summerside	80 km
Wood Islands Ferry (to Nova Scotia)	211 km

The first settlers in St. Louis were French families from Tignish, 7 km away. Later joined by Irish families, the inhabitants built their new community around the train stop, known as Kildare Station. The name was changed around the turn of the century to avoid confusion with other localities named Kildare. Thanks to the railway, St. Louis was a busy business centre with a post office, stores, saw mill, blacksmith shop, doctor and drug store. St. Louis was incorporated in 1866. Today, the railbed has been converted to a walking trail and the municipality maintains its vitality through its history and active community life.

Population

The 1996 Census reports the population of St. Louis to be 100, down 19.4% since 1991. Overall, the province of Prince Edward Island increased in population by 3.7%. In St. Louis, males make up 53% of the population and females 47%. There is a considerably higher percentage of people aged 15-24 in St. Louis as compared with the province as a whole. In PEI., this group represents 14% of the population whereas in St. Louis, it represents 26%.

Population by Age and Sex			
	Males	Females	Total
Total	50	45	95
0-14 years	5	10	15
15-24 years	10	15	25
25-44 years	10	15	25
45-59 years	20	20	40
60-64 years	0	0	0
65 years +	5	0	5

Source: 1996 Census

Language and Ethnic Origin

In St. Louis, 76% of the population has English as their mother tongue. For the remaining 24%, their mother tongue is French. 59% of the population knows both English and French. 41% knows only English.

In the 1996 Census, respondents were asked to identify their ethnic origins by indicating as many categories as applicable. In St. Louis, 94% of the population has some French origins, 47% have some Irish origins, 29% named Canadian origins, and 12% reported Scottish origins.

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.

St. Louis has 65 people aged 15 and over. Of these, 50 were active members of the labour force during the Census reference week. 40 members of the labour force were employed during the Census reference week.

Major Industries and Occupations

Labour Force by Industry

St. Louis has a labour force of 45. The labour force is concentrated primarily in three industrial divisions:

- Construction industries
- Wholesale trade industries
- Other service industries

Fishing

Fishing is an important economic and activity in the West Prince area. Fishers in the St. Louis area operate primarily out of the wharf at Miminegash, where landings in 1996 were valued at \$4,341,090. This accounts for 4.3% of the total value of all landings in PEI. The vast majority of the landings were from the inshore fishery. Lobster accounted for 55% and Irish moss accounted for 21% of the total value of landings. Approximately 90% of all Irish Moss harvested in PEI comes from the Miminegash area.

Miminegash Wharf 1996 Landings	Volume of landings in thousand RWKGMS	Value of landings in thousand dollars
Cod	2.60	2.45
Yellowtail	12.87	5.82
Winter flounder	39.93	34.57
White hake	0.08	0.05
Tomcod	0.06	0.01
Groundfish total	55.54	42.90
Herring	1,498.90	227.01
Mackerel	881.43	485.37
Alewives (Gaspereau)	9.16	2.04
Smelts	2.19	2.62
Shark unspec.	0.76	0.45
Pelagic and estuarial total	2,392.45	717.49
Sea scallop	85.04	158.46
Lobster	296.26	2,380.14
Rock crab	46.08	16.99
Furcellaria	636.11	114.18
Shellfish total	1,063.49	2,669.77
Irish moss	5,158.33	910.55
Other seaweeds	2.47	0.38
Miscellaneous total	5,160.80	910.93
PORT TOTAL	8,672.28	4,341.09

Source: Department of Fisheries and Oceans, DFO Statistics

Agriculture

Agriculture is an important economic activity in and around St. Louis. 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 2, which includes the Community of St. Louis.

	Lot 2	Provincial Total
Total number of farms	16	2,217
Total area of farms		
Acres	3,515	655,365
Hectares	1,422	265,217
Total farm capital	\$6.5 million	\$1,417 billion
Total gross farm expenses	\$1.4 million	\$349.2 million
Total farm expenses	\$1.2 million	\$288.6 million

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

This area has approximately 0.7% of the total number of farms in PEI and represents approximately 0.5% of the total provincial acreage. Total gross farm receipts in the area were about 0.4% of the provincial total.

Labour Force by Occupation

St. Louis has a labour force of 45. The four occupations with which are associated most of the labour force are the following:

- Occupations unique to primary industry
- Occupations unique to processing, manufacturing and utilities
- Trades, transport and equipment operators and related
- Sales and service occupations

Business and Commerce

At the time of this report, the following businesses were operating in and around the Community of St. Louis:

F.J. Shea & Sons Ltd. (grocery, potato warehouse/packaging, building supplies, hardware, service station)
Gerald Profit's Autobody
Josie's Grocery and Video
LeClair's Ultramar
One Stop Auto Salvage
Canada Post Corporation
MacRae's Woodworking
All-Make Auto
Palmer Road Funeral Co-op
McCue's Auto
Emile Doucette's Upholstery
Michael Chaisson's Auto Body
Doucette's Boatbuilding
Kathy's Crafts
Paul's Bike Shop (St. Edward)

Transportation and Communication

St. Louis is located on Route 152, just off the provincial main highway, Route 2, which links the Community with the Island's cities and major towns as well as major points of access such as the Confederation Bridge and the Wood Islands ferry. (See distance table on page 1).

Local fishers work out of adjacent Miminegash Harbour, which is administered by the federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans. Services include lights, navigation beacon, diesel, gasoline, 110 and 220v power, unloading hoist, ramp, and garbage disposal.

Housing and Real Estate

There are 40 dwellings in St. Louis. Most (75%) are single detached dwellings. The remainder is movable dwellings. There are 4 PEI Housing seniors units in St. Louis.

The Multiple Listing Service (MLS) gives the following average prices for homes in the West Prince region, as of March, 1998:

\$41,672 for a 1 or 2 bedroom home;

\$94,933 for a 5 (or more) bedroom home;

\$59,575 overall average.

Source: PEI Real Estate Association

Education

Pre-school

St. Louis Kindergarten
St. Louis French Immersion
Kindergarten
Kids West Day Care (in nearby
Alberton)

Elementary

St. Louis Elementary School teaches
grades 1 through 6 and has a student
population of 236.

Intermediate

ME Callaghan Junior High, located in
nearby Elmsdale, teaches grades 7
through 9 and has a student population
of 378.

Secondary

High school students are transported by
bus to Westisle Composite High
School in nearby Elmsdale. Westisle
teaches grades 10 through 12 and has a
student population of 748.
<http://www.itas.net/westislercmp/>

Health Care Facilities

The nearest health care facilities are
located in Tignish, 7 km from St. Louis.
The nearest hospitals are in Alberton and
O'Leary.

Tignish Co-op Health Centre has a
dentist, a public health nurse, family
physicians, and pharmacy. Davis Lodge
in Tignish is a full care seniors' facility.
The nearest veterinarian is in nearby
O'Leary. Ambulance service is provided
by Rooney's (Alberton) or West Prince
Ambulance (O'Leary).

Points of Service

Regional Services Centre

West Prince Regional Services Centre in
nearby O'Leary houses full-time satellite
offices for the department of Provincial
Treasury, Provincial Affairs & Attorney
General, Education, Environmental
Resources, Agriculture, Fisheries &
Forestry, Child & Family Services,
Community & Correctional Services,
Employment Enhancement, Enterprise
PEI, Holland College, and Human
Resources Development (federal).
Offices are kept on a part-time basis by:
Health & Welfare Canada, Worker's
Compensation, Armed Forces,
Community Mental Health, Veteran's
Affairs, Outreach Employment, and
Health & Community Services.

Community Access Program

The Community Access Program (CAP)
makes computers with internet access
available to the public. There is a CAP
site in adjacent Palmer Road.

Municipal Services

The Community of St. Louis provides
the following services to residents:
garbage pick-up, street lighting, and Hall
maintenance.

Fire protection: St. Louis is part of the
Miminegash Fire District.

Police protection: The nearest RCMP
detachment is in Tignish (7 km).

Municipal tax rates in 1998 for both
commercial and non-commercial
properties is \$0.45 per \$100 of
assessment.

Recreation

The Community of St. Louis maintains the Community Hall which is used almost every day of the week: Saturday night bingo, 45s on Wednesdays, step-dancing on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. There are two ball diamonds as well as minor softball, minor soccer, and adult rec. softball leagues.

For winter sports, residents use arena facilities in nearby Alberton and Tignish. Activities there include adult rec. hockey, minor hockey programs, and figure skating.

The Confederation Trail passes through the municipality. There are plans to build a nature park at the Confederation Trail (23 acres are available) and establish some year-round recreation facilities.

The West Prince Region offers many opportunities for recreational fishing. Among them are Gallant's Pond, Arsenault's Pond, Blanchard's Pond, Gordon's Pond, Warren's Pond, Black Pond, Leard's Pond, MacAusland's Pond, Livingstone's Pond, Mill River Bridge, Cain's Brook, Miminegash River, Little Tignish River, the Old Dam Site on the Mill River, the Trout River, and the Little and Big Pierre Jacques Rivers.

Atlantic Salmon can also be fished (using a fly) in Leard's Pond and Trout River from mid-June on.

Cultural Facilities and Events

Music and step-dancing are popular and important to community life in St. Louis. Local history and literature are kept alive by local authors and poets.

The Community Hall is available for meetings, showers, weddings, family reunions.

The Palmer Road Church is the largest wooden church in PEI and home to one of the oldest reed organs in the world.

Churches

The nearest Catholic churches are located in nearby Palmer Road and Miminegash. Nearby Alberton has 7 churches serving as many denominations: Anglican, Baptist, Catholic, Jehovah's Witnesses, Pentecostal, Presbyterian, and United.

Community Organizations

The most active organizations in St. Louis are related to sports, leisure and social activities. These organizations include: the St. Louis sports association, the Women's Club (social, fund-raising, recreational activities), Old Timers HAB club (hockey and ball club), Miminegash River System Committee.

Contact Information

To find out more about St. Louis, contact one of the groups below.

Community of St. Louis

P.O. Box 33,
St. Louis, PEI
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Tel: (902) 882-2320 (Chair)
(902) 882-2093 (Administrator)
Office hours: No scheduled hours
Council meetings: First Monday of month, 7:00PM
Incorporated: 1964

Chairperson: Everett Wedge
Administrator: Dorothy Doucette
Councillors: Eileen Brown
Frank Brown
Roland Gaudet
Beverley Gaudet

Miminegash-St. Louis Regional Development Corporation

The Miminegash-St. Louis Regional Development Corporation was created in April 1997 and incorporated in November 1997. One of their current projects, still in the planning stage, is to create a nature park with year-round facilities at the Confederation Trail in St. Louis. The Miminegash-St. Louis Regional Development Corporation can be reached by contacting the St. Louis municipal council.

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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Human Resources Development Canada

St. Louis is served by the O'Leary Human Resource Centre. For information on programs and service offered by HRDC, you may visit our website at:

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

This site also contains links to other sites of interest.

O'Leary Human Resource Centre

West Prince Regional Service Centre

PO Box 8

O'Leary, Prince Edward Island

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The O'Leary 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 in both official languages. The O'Leary HRC serves the Western Portion of Prince County which has a labour force of approximately 6,700 people.

Employment in the area is highly seasonal. The primary industries of Fishing, Agriculture and the related processing activities for these industries dominate the local economy. Also important to the area are jobs generated from Forestry and Tourism activity.

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): 1-800-808-6352

Job line: 902-859-2800

Employment Services:

General Enquiries and Employer Job Orders: 902-859-1910

Records of Employment:

Toll Free: 1-800-578-6821

Income Security Programs:

(Canada Pension/Old Age Security)

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.