#Welcome Afghans

Welcome Home – Prince Edward Island

Population: **154,331 people (2021 census)**
(includes many South and West Asians and Arabs)

About the area

The province of Prince Edward Island (PEI)[1]

- includes the cities of Charlottetown (the capital) and Summerside
- is near the provinces of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick
- has vibrant Acadian and Francophone communities

PEI is known for its rich natural beauty and world-class seafood.

Winters are cold and snowy, with an average daily low temperature of -11°C in January. Summers are warm with an average daily high of 28°C in July.

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[1] All the links provided here are in English only.

A man rolls his child in a stroller onto the Cabot Beach on Prince Edward Island.

Indigenous land acknowledgement

[Indigenous peoples](#) have lived in Canada since before European settlers and explorers arrived. PEI is located on the traditional territory of the Mi'Kmaq (Meeg-mah) Nations.

View of Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, Canada from the sea.

Living, working and going to school

PEI is a great place to work,, do business, study, and live a fulfilling life.

You can find jobs in PEI in industries such as

- fishing
- agriculture
- manufacturing
- tourism
- exports
- bioscience

As of January 1, 2023, the [official minimum wage in PEI](#) is $14.50 an hour.

Housing costs vary. The [average price to buy a single-family house](#) is approximately $517,000. [Renting a 2-bedroom apartment](#) could cost approximately $1,000 a month.

Learn more about renting and tenants' rights from [Renting PEI](#).

There are many [schools](#), daycares, and after-school programs. In Canada, students usually go to school from kindergarten (age 3 or 4) to grade 12 (age 17 or 18). After that, they can go to college or university or start working.

PEI has one major university and two community colleges

- [University of Prince Edward Island](#)
- [Holland College](#)
- [Collège de l'Île](#)

You can play many types of sports, like

- [soccer (football)](#)
- [basketball](#)
- [swimming](#)
- [track and field](#)
- [squash](#)
- [hockey](#)

Find out more about recreation organizations from [Recreation PEI](#).

You can enjoy year-round [events](#) in PEI, such as

- [Music Festivals](#)
- [Theatre](#)
- [The Charlottetown Festival](#)

[PEI](#) has over [1,100 kilometres](#) of smooth sand and red sandstone cliffs along its coast. You can also enjoy [public parks](#) and other outdoor spaces in summer, and fun activities like [skiing](#), sledding, and skating in the winter.

Religious and cultural associations

Under the [Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms](#), you can practise the religion of your choice in Canada. Your service provider organization can help connect you to local ethno-cultural and multicultural associations on PEI.

Specialty foods

Several grocery stores in the area sell international goods. Most major supermarkets and many Middle Eastern grocery stores also sell halal meat. Your service provider organization can help you find the store closest to you.

Useful information for newcomers

More resources to help you settle in the area

- [Welcome to Canada: Publications for newcomers](#)
- [Find free newcomer services near you](#)
- [Immigrating and Settling in Canada](#)
- [PEI Immigrate](#)
- [Multicultural Council of PEI](#)