

SUMMERSIDE



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SUMMERSIDE REGION

The Summerside region includes the City of Summerside, as well as the communities of Linkletter, Miscouche and Lot 17. The region is home to 16,600 people and its population hasn't grown much in recent years. There are nearly 2,300 people in the Summerside region who speak French and over 800 with French as their mother tongue. This population is considerably older than average. Two-thirds (66 percent) of persons with French as their mother tongue are over the age of 55.

Summerside has attracted some immigrants in recent years. There were 680 of all ages in the regional population (as of 2016). At the time of the Census, there were nearly 400 immigrants in the Summerside workforce (or around four percent of the total). They were mostly employed in manufacturing, health care and retail trade.

The region will need to attract new people to the region in the coming years to replace those who will be retiring (2,500 workers are over the age of 55) and to provide workers to meet the demands of growing industries. Summerside has important food and transportation equipment manufacturing sectors. The small urban centre is also a hub for tourism activities with more than a thousand workers in the accommodation, food services, arts and entertainment sectors. As shown in Figure 1, the size of the Summerside labour force peaked back in 2014 and has been slowly declining since.

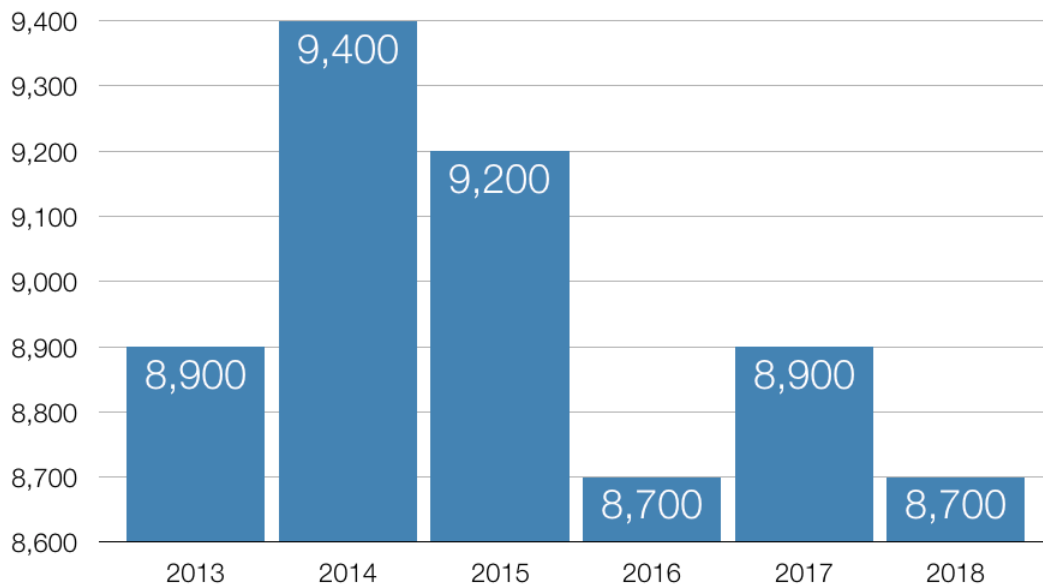


Summary economic and demographic profile – Summerside region

DEMOGRAPHICS AND ECONOMY		FRANCOPHONE AND IMMIGRATION CHARACTERISTICS*	
Population – Summerside region	16,587	French-speaking population	2,285
Population change (2011-2016)	0.6%	% of total	14%
Share of the population over the age of 55	37%	French as their mother tongue	825
Top five industries by employment (in order):		% of total population	5%
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Retail trade 2 Manufacturing 3 Public administration 4 Health care and social assistance 5 Accommodation and food services 		% of Francophones over 55	66%
		Immigrants (all countries)	680
		Immigrants (% of total population)	4%
		Recent immigrants*	255
		% of all immigrants*	38%

*and non-permanent residents.
Sources: Statistics Canada 2016 Census.

FIGURE 1
SUMMERSIDE LABOUR FORCE BY YEAR



Source: Statistics Canada Table 14-10-0102-01.