

WEST PRINCE



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WEST PRINCE REGION


West Prince is located at the western end of Prince Edward Island. It is comprised of the first thirteen lots and six communities: Alberton, Lennox Island, Miminegash/St. Louis, O'Leary, Tignish and Tyne Valley. Combined the area has a population of just over 14,000. In recent years the population has been in decline.

The economy is dominated by agriculture and fishing. There are also more than 800 people employed in manufacturing across West Prince, many in seafood processing plants. Health care is also a top employer in the region as is retail trade.

There are nearly 1,700 French-speaking residents in West Prince and 710 who have French as their mother tongue. Three communities situated at the most northwestern part of the Island have a higher concentration of people who can speak French (Figure 1).

There are very few immigrants in the region. West Prince has mostly missed out on the recent surge in immigration to the province.

Nearly one in three workers in the West Prince labour force is over the age of 55. This means 2,500 people are likely to exit the workforce in the next decade or so. The impact of the aging workforce is already being felt in the manufacturing, health care and services sectors. The region will need to attract a considerable amount of younger people in the coming years if it wants to ensure local industry has the workers it needs.



Summary economic and demographic profile – West Prince region

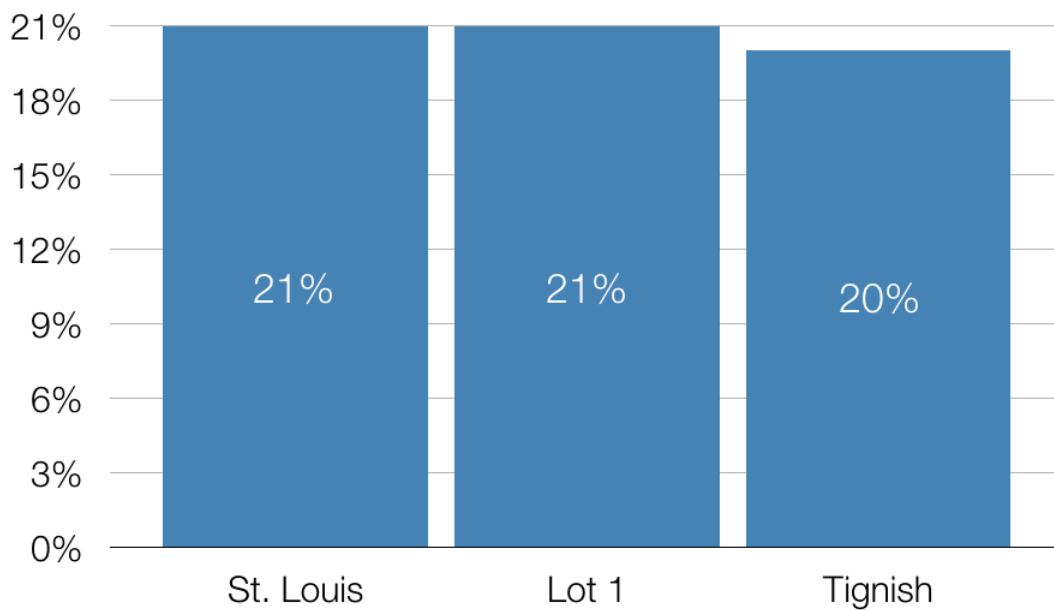
DEMOGRAPHICS AND ECONOMY		FRANCOPHONE AND IMMIGRATION CHARACTERISTICS*	
Population – West Prince region†	14,159	French-speaking population	1,675
Population change (2015-2018)	-3.3%	% of total population	12%
Share of the population over the age of 55	37%	French as their mother tongue	710
Top five industries by employment (in order):		% of total population	5%
		% of Francophones 55+ (Prince Co.)	58%
<div><div>1</div>Agriculture, forestry, fishing</div> <div><div>2</div>Manufacturing</div> <div><div>3</div>Health care and social assistance</div> <div><div>4</div>Retail trade</div> <div><div>5</div>Construction</div>	Immigrants (all countries)		185
	Immigrants (% of total population)		1%
	Recent immigrants*		50
	% of all immigrants*		27%

†West Prince is part of Prince County (pop. 43,739)

*and non-permanent residents.

Sources: Statistics Canada 2016 Census.

Figure 1
PERCENTAGE OF THE POPULATION THAT SPEAKS FRENCH



Source: Statistics Canada 2016 Census.