

# The Employment Journey

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## The Fishing Industry in 2010

### Definition:

The fishing industry ranks as the third-largest industry on PEI behind agriculture and tourism.

The fishing industry include fishers and processors of lobster, mackerel, herring, groundfish, snow crab, tuna, sea plants, rock crab, and soft shell clams. Products from this industry are found in restaurants, markets, and homes around the world. Lobster fishing continues to be a leader with a landed value to fisherman of over \$100 million.

### Number of people employed:

According to **2008 PEI Statistical Review**, approximately **9,200** Islanders work in the fishing industry. Many people in this industry are self-employed. These employment figures include both the marine fishery and Aquaculture sectors.

Across the Island about **2,500** people work at fish processing plants. Several of these plants provide year round employment in local rural communities.

(Source: [http://www.gov.pe.ca/photos/original/FARD\\_08fishstat.pdf](http://www.gov.pe.ca/photos/original/FARD_08fishstat.pdf) or <http://www.peispa.com>)

### Samples of jobs and wages:

\*Below are examples of 2009 wages from [www.labourmarketinformation.ca](http://www.labourmarketinformation.ca)

**Forklift Operator:** 75 to 100 positions on PEI. **\$9.40 to \$14.90** per hour.

JVI Provincial Transportation and Safety Academy periodically offers one-day Forklift Certificate training

**Production Line Worker:** about 2,500 positions on PEI. **\$8.95 to \$10.35** per hour.

Employers usually provide on-the-job training.

**Production Supervisor:** 50 to 100 positions on PEI. Salaries vary depending in the size of the plant. They are often promoted within the organization from entry level positions.

**Quality Control Technician:** 100 to 120 positions on PEI. **\$12.20 to \$26.05** per hour. They are often promoted within the organizations from entry level positions.

**Quality Manager:** Salaries vary depending on size of plant and seasonality. Quality managers can benefit from having a Bachelor of Science degree. No post-secondary training for this position is offered on PEI. They are sometimes promoted from within the organization from entry level positions.

**Sanitation Workers:** 80 to 100 positions on PEI. Sanitation workers usually develop their skills on the job. Similar pay to Production Line Workers.

**Marine Biologist:** A Bachelor's degree in Biology or in a related discipline is usually required. A Master's or Doctoral degree in Biology or a related discipline is required for employment as a research scientist in biology. **\$16.80 to \$33.45** per hour.

**Sample Employers:**

- 40 federally licensed seafood processing plants across PEI
- 20 non-export, provincially licensed processing plants across PEI
- individual fishing fleets
- government departments
- non-for-profit organizations

**To explore the fishing industry further:**

PEI Fisherman's Association: [www.peifa.org](http://www.peifa.org)

PEI Department of Fisheries, Aquaculture and Rural Development:  
[www.gov.pe.ca/fard/](http://www.gov.pe.ca/fard/)

PEI Seafood Processors Association: [www.peispa.com/](http://www.peispa.com/)

PEI Joblink: [www.peijoblink.ca](http://www.peijoblink.ca)

To further explore careers: [www.labourmarketinformation.ca](http://www.labourmarketinformation.ca)