

## PEI Healthcare Sector in 2010

### Definition:

Healthcare is the prevention, treatment and management of illness, and the preservation of mental and physical well-being through the services offered by the medical and allied health professions.

As the population ages, the average age of healthcare workers is increasing. There will soon come a day when there will be more healthcare workers retiring than there are new entrants to the workforce taking their place.

### Number of people employed:

- The **Prince Edward Island Labour Market Bulletin** for September 2010 says there are **8,700** people working in healthcare and social assistance. From September 2009 to September 2010, employment in this sector rose by 4.8 percent.
- According to the **PEI Statistical Review 2008**, **5,300** people worked in the healthcare field in 2008.
- There are about **60** job categories in healthcare. Most of the jobs in each category are in demand.

### Where are healthcare workers employed?

Healthcare workers are employed in government facilities, not-for-profit organizations, and private business.

### Examples of some areas in government:

Electronic Health Information System

Environmental Health

Provincial Diabetes program

Dental Public Health

Public Health Nursing

Mental Health

Provincial nursing homes

Provincial Pharmacare Program

Central Queens Health Centre in Hunter River

Central Queens Satellite Gulf Shore Health Centre in Rustico

Eastern Kings Health Centre in Souris

Four Neighbourhoods Health Centre in Charlottetown

Harbourside Health Centre in Summerside

Evangeline Community Health Centre in Wellington

O'Leary Health Centre in O'Leary

Tyne Valley Health Centre in Tyne Valley

## Where are healthcare workers employed? (continued)

### **PEI hospitals:**

Hillsborough Hospital  
Prince County Hospital  
Queen Elizabeth Hospital  
Community Hospital in O'Leary  
Kings County Memorial Hospital in Montague  
Western Hospital in Alberton  
Stewart Memorial Hospital in Tyne Valley  
Souris Hospital

### **Not-for-profit organizations:** (this is just a small sample)

Canadian Blood Services - [www.blood.ca](http://www.blood.ca)  
CNIB - [www.cnib.ca](http://www.cnib.ca)  
Red Cross - [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org)

### **Island EMS:** [www.islandems.ca](http://www.islandems.ca)

### **Private home care:** (this is just a small sample)

Home Instead Senior Care - [www.homeinstead.com](http://www.homeinstead.com)  
We Care Home Health Services - [www.wecare.ca](http://www.wecare.ca)

### **Community Care Homes:**

**West Prince:** Lady Slipper Villa, Tignish Seniors Home Care Cooperative,  
Rev. W.J. Phillips Residence, Valley Lodge

**East Prince:** Andrews of Summerside, Perrins Clinton View Lodge, MacEwan Mews,  
La Cooperative le Chez Nous Ltee, Kensington Community Care Home, Miscouche Villa,  
Park Hill Place, South Shore Villa

**Queens:** 22 listed, including Whisperwood Villa, Valley House, Smith Lodge, PEI Atlantic  
Baptist, Park West Lodge, Grafton House, Garden Home, etc.

**Kings:** Bayview Lodge, Carroll's Lodge, MacKinnon Pines, Perrins Marina Villa, French Creek  
Lodge, Dr. John Gillis Memorial Lodge (both community care and nursing care)

### **Naturopaths:**

Dr. David M Collins  
Dr. John DeMarsh  
Dr. Gretchen Maclean  
Dr. Lana McMurrer  
Dr. Tracy Pollard  
Dr. Kali Simmonds  
Dr. Marilyn Yap-Yu  
PEI Naturopathic Medical Clinic

## **Where are healthcare workers employed? (continued)**

### **Pharmacies:** (this is just a small sample)

Murphy's Pharmacy  
Shopper's Drug Mart  
Friendly Pharmacy  
Sherwood Drug Mart  
Lawtons Pharmacy

### **Massage Therapy:**

Atlantic Therapeutic Massage  
Karen Banfill - Montague  
Island Wellness Centre: Kimberly White  
Nova Massage and Laser Clinic  
Carolyn MacGuigan  
Donna Chaisson - Tignish  
Charlottetown Massage Therapy - six registered massage therapists  
David Collins  
Laura Dear  
PEI Sports Massage - Janice Malcom  
and many more

### **Physiotherapists:** (about 65)

Sports Centre Physiotherapy  
Charlottetown Physiotherapy Centre

### **Chiropractors:**

(8 chiropractors listed in phone book for across PEI)  
Dr. Vincent Adams, Summerside  
Dr. Elizabeth Bagnell, Ctown  
Dr. Roderick Belyea  
Dr. Darren MacLean  
and more.

### **Audiologist:**

Audiology Associates - Charlottetown and Summerside  
Island Audiology Inc. - Charlottetown - Mary Lou Hughes  
Audiologist for Public Health Department

### **Podiatrist:**

Dr. Bettles, chiropodist/podiatrist - Ch'town  
Dr Brian Johnson - Ch'town and S'side

**Dentists: about 80 listed in the phone book** - work in clinics with other dentists or alone

**Dental Hygienist - (about 70 are licensed to work on PEI)**

## **Where are healthcare workers employed? (continued)**

**Dental Assistant - (about 145 are registered on PEI)**

**Orthodontist: (braces)**

Dr. Porter

Dr. Stewart Matheson

Dr. John McManaman

**Oral & Maxiofacial Surgeons:**

Dr Habbi

Dr. Gregory Mitton

**Denturist:**

Accu-bite Denture Clinic, Montague and Stratford

Bernard's Denture Service

Rhyno Denture Clinic

Summerside Denture Clinic

**Orthotics:**

QEH

Island Orthotics Ltd.

Footech

**Opticians (about 38) & Optometrists (about 20) & Ophthalmologists :**

Vogue Optical

Matheson Eyewear

Family Vision Centre

Hunter River Vision Clinic

Island Optical

Boyles

## Example of some health professionals in demand and wages:

(Wages from the 2010 Health Career Guide)

• Registered Nurse	\$53,001 to \$64,584
• Licensed Practical Nurse	\$28,704 to \$42,061
• Resident Care Worker	\$20,611 to \$35,470
• Medical Radiological Technologist:	\$46,663 to \$63,355
• General Radiologist (X-Ray)	not available
• Nuclear Medicine Technologist	\$49,081 to \$63,355
• Sonographer (Ultrasound)	\$52,572 to \$67,860
• Mammographer	not available
• Magnetic Resonance Technologist	\$49,081 to \$75,016
• Medical Radiation Therapist	not available
• Medical Laboratory Technologist	\$46,663 to \$60,196
• Occupational Therapist	\$52,182 to \$75,000
• Occupational Therapist Assistant	\$25,000 to \$47,560
• Physiotherapist	\$52,182 to \$75,000
• Physiotherapist Assistant	\$25,000 to \$43,738
• Speech Language Pathologist	\$56,218 to \$74,392
• Respiratory Therapist	\$49,081 to \$66,826
• Pharmacist	\$80,691 to \$100,873
• EEG & EMG Technologist	\$47,502 to \$58,266
• Prosthetics/Orthotics	\$56,082 to \$68,796
• Psychologist	\$50,173 to \$83,713
• Child Protection Social Worker	\$42,978 to \$70,395
• Family Medicine Physician	\$149,985 +++
• Specialist Physician	\$222,832+++
• and more.	

It is commonly known that most healthcare jobs are in demand world-wide.

For health job opportunities available in the provincial government, contact the Recruitment and Retention Secretariat at **620-3872** or go to [www.healthjobspei.ca](http://www.healthjobspei.ca)

### **Skills and interests required to work in the sector:**

- Interest and good marks in math and science.
- Medical schools are now looking for candidates with not only good academic marks, but well-rounded individuals with work and volunteer experience in an area of healthcare.
- To be accepted into a medicine program at a Canadian university, most prefer applicants with an undergraduate degree in science or math. At the present time, there is a great number of applicants for the seats available across Canada. Only the strongest applicants will be accepted.

### **Education:**

To see what educational institutes in Atlantic Canada offer a health program, go to [www.peihsc.ca](http://www.peihsc.ca) and click on **Health Careers on PEI**

## To explore careers in healthcare

- volunteer in a hospital, nursing home, youth group, or non-profit organization
- visit the website [www.workingincanada.gc.ca](http://www.workingincanada.gc.ca)
- For copies of the 2010 Health Career Guide, call 367-4460 or visit the PEI Health Sector Council at [www.peihsc.ca](http://www.peihsc.ca)
- PEI Health Recruitment and Retention Secretariat: [www.healthjobspei.ca](http://www.healthjobspei.ca)  
(PEI Department of Health and Wellness)
- Visit The Employment Journey website [www.employmentjourney.com](http://www.employmentjourney.com) for informational articles about the healthcare sector.
- Service Canada [www.servicecanada.gc.ca/eng/pe/lmi/update/lmu-october10.shtml](http://www.servicecanada.gc.ca/eng/pe/lmi/update/lmu-october10.shtml)
- Provincial Healthcare jobs: [www.gov.pe.ca/jobs](http://www.gov.pe.ca/jobs)
- PEI health recruitment and retention secretariate: [www.healthjobspei.ca](http://www.healthjobspei.ca)
- PEI Medical Society: [www.mspei.org](http://www.mspei.org)
- Association of Registered Nurses of PEI: [www.arnpei.ca](http://www.arnpei.ca)
- PEI Nurses Union: [www.peinu.com](http://www.peinu.com)
- Licensed Practical Nurses Association of PEI: [www.lpna.ca](http://www.lpna.ca)
- PEI Society of Medical Technologists: [www.peismt.org](http://www.peismt.org)
- PEI Association of Naturopathic Doctors: [www.peiand.com](http://www.peiand.com)
- Social Worker Recruitment & Retention Officer 569-0537
- Health Association of PEI 368-3901