

A collage of construction-related images. On the left, a worker in an orange hard hat and safety vest is shown. In the center, a yellow excavator is at work. On the right, another worker in a yellow safety vest and orange hard hat is climbing a wooden structure. The background shows various construction sites and structures.

2016–2025 Key Highlights

Prince Edward Island

Employment in Prince Edward Island rises above previous high levels in a series of increases and plateaus, following the requirements of planned major projects.

The biggest increases are expected in 2017 and 2018, and then again in 2020.

Steady growth in non-residential building activity continues to be the primary driver.

A residential up cycle starts in 2017 and peaks in 2021. It then recedes in response to slower population growth, but employment remains above the recent historically high levels.

Overall construction employment growth slows after 2021, as residential activity declines off a peak and non-residential building construction sustains moderate increases.

Over the 2016–2025 forecast scenario, the labour force in Prince Edward Island rises by 600 workers, or 10 percent.

Replacement (retirement) demands raise the total demand requirement to 2,300 workers. New entrants are estimated to meet half the total demand requirement, leaving 1,000 workers that need to be found through net in-mobility from outside the local market.