

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

POVERTY REPORT CARD IN REVIEW



FULL REPORT



OVERALL GRADE

REPORT CARD
HIGHLIGHTS

PEOPLE SPENDING
MORE THAN 30% OF
INCOME ON HOUSING:



FOOD INSECURITY RATE:



POVERTY RATE:



CONTEXT

After a strong year of political action in PEI, residents can have hope that the standard of living in the province is on the rise. While report card grades may not reflect a population that is thriving, if PEI continues in this direction, low incomes and poverty should soon be improved.

KEY FINDINGS

UNPRECEDENTED FOOD INSECURITY

At 29% PEI has the highest rate of food insecurity among the provinces.

CHILD POVERTY

More than 1 in 10 children in PEI live in poverty.

WORKING AND FOOD INSECURE

One-third of all visits to food banks in PEI were from employed people, the highest rate in the country.

SELECT POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Prior to the next federal election, seek the unanimous support of all federal parties to support a Guaranteed Basic Income pilot in PEI.
2. Introduce a child benefit program.
3. Increase the earnings exemptions for single people to \$350 per month and a 40% claw back rate, with plans for further increases in the coming years.



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