



2024-2025 PROGRESS REPORT ON

Building Together

Prince Edward Island
Housing Strategy

2024-2029

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Message from the Minister

Over the past year, Prince Edward Island has made significant strides in addressing housing challenges through the Provincial Housing Strategy.

Housing solutions require a collective effort, and the achievements we have seen are the result of strong partnerships between all levels of government, community organizations, industry, developers, landlords and tenants. Together, we have increased housing supply, improved affordability measures, and enhanced support programs for Islanders in need.

As we look ahead, we remain committed to building on this momentum. By continuing to work together, we can create a sustainable, inclusive, and accessible housing future for all residents of Prince Edward Island.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to these efforts. Your commitment to housing solutions is making a real difference in our province.

Going forward, progress on the provincial housing strategy will be included in the Prince Edward Island Housing Corporation Annual Report.

Steven Myers
Minister of Housing, Land and Communities

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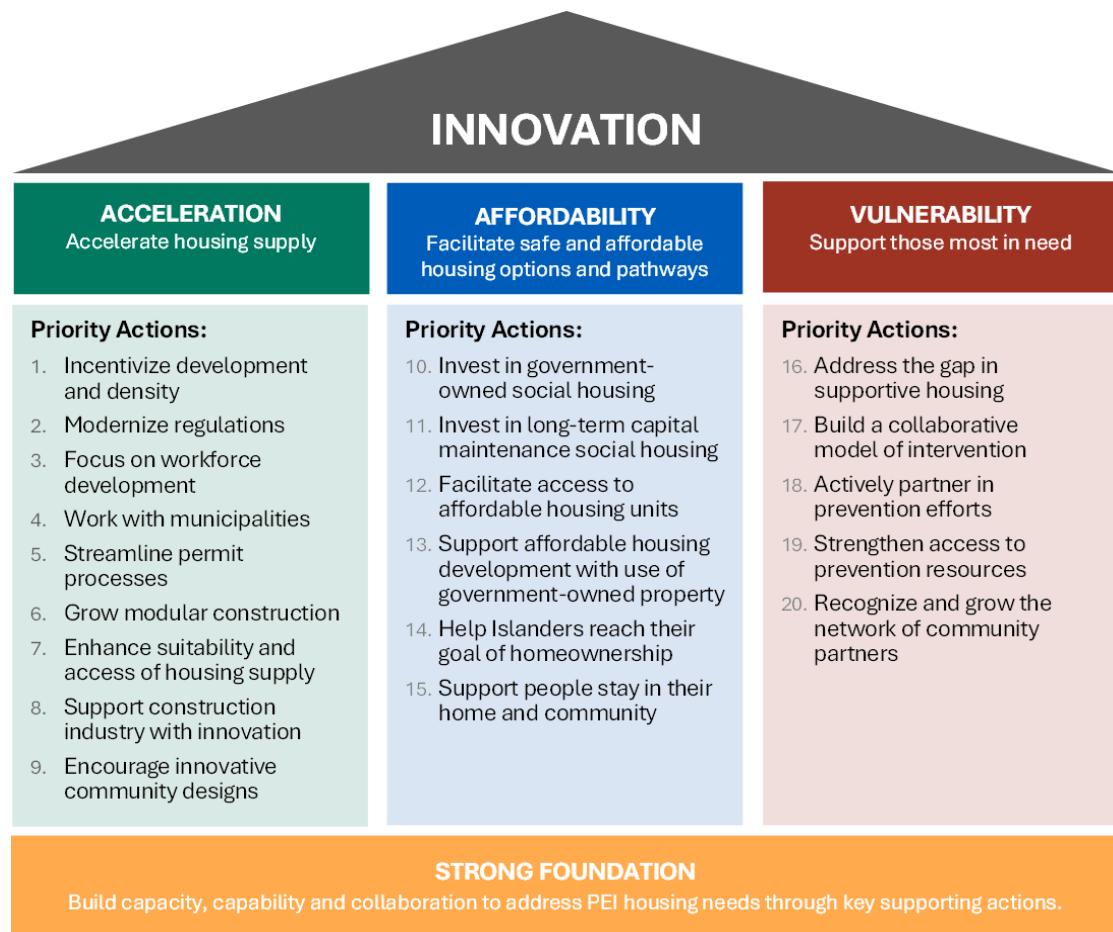
Executive Summary



[“Building Together – Prince Edward Island Housing Strategy, 2024-2029”](#) was launched in February 2024, with the vision that “All Islanders have access to adequate, affordable and suitable housing.”

In order to accomplish this vision, the Government of PEI is committed to supporting a broad range of housing options across the continuum, recognizing that people’s housing needs can change over time and that there are unique population needs.

This five-year strategy is a comprehensive all-of-government approach, built on three main pillars: **Acceleration** to facilitate the growth of the housing supply, **Affordability** to provide more options for low- and medium- income Islanders, and **Vulnerability** to support those most in need.



The five guiding principles of Compassion, Collaboration, Information, Adaptability and Sustainability are incorporated throughout this work.

COMPASSION	We empower and act with empathy, keeping the needs of Islanders in mind.	01
COLLABORATION	We work together – it takes all of us to meet the housing needs of Islanders.	02
INFORMATION	We strive to make decisions based on engagement, information, and housing needs.	03
ADAPTABILITY	We adjust and evolve by monitoring and evaluating the environment and initiatives.	04
SUSTAINABILITY	We include a sustainability lens in our decision-making.	05

The Government of PEI has committed to annual reporting on progress implementing the Housing Strategy. This first annual progress report contains an assessment of changes to the housing context since the Housing Strategy was launched, and highlights of progress in fiscal 2024-2025 toward achieving stated targets. Future progress reports will be combined with the Prince Edward Island Housing Corporation's (PEIHC) annual report.

While this strategy is led by the Department of Housing, Land and Communities (HLC) and the Prince Edward Island Housing Corporation (PEIHC), the work highlighted in this report is possible due to collective efforts and commitment of multiple provincial government departments and partner organizations.

The housing context has continued to evolve since the Housing Strategy was released. While costs and inflation have begun to stabilize, tariffs are a new and real threat resulting in uncertainty that, effectively, hinders business planning, investment, and general consumer confidence.

Updated population projections show PEI reaching 200,000 people closer to 2035 which means housing demand will grow more slowly than expected at the time of the Housing Strategy release in early 2024. PEI's population is still growing, and more housing continues to be needed to address the outstanding supply gap and to support a healthy vacancy rate.

In the first year of the PEI Housing Strategy, significant gains have been made across all three pillars of the Housing Strategy: Acceleration, Affordability and Vulnerability.

Highlights include:

ACCELERATION

The growth in housing supply has been significantly accelerated – housing starts totaled nearly 1,700 units in 2024, the highest in over 50 years, and driven by multi-unit starts. The first quarter of 2025 had the highest number of housing starts on record for that quarter. PEI also had record levels of investment in residential building construction.

While vacancy rates remain below target at 0.8%, a number of new units will be entering the market over the next couple of years, and this should ease pressure on PEI's persistently low vacancy rates. While there is no formal reporting metric, through conversations we have had with PEI's five largest municipalities, approximately 1,200 units are scheduled to be completed in 2025 and 2026, based on their permit information.

The Government of PEI has taken many steps to support acceleration, including launching several programs to support the development of housing and infrastructure, bold policy and programs that support housing construction, and reducing permit wait times. PEI has also been a leader in adopting new housing technology, most notably modular construction.

AFFORDABILITY

There was a historic capital investment made to create new social housing units, as well as complete major capital improvements to existing units. The Social Housing Registry was reduced to the smallest wait list in well over a decade.

The Government of PEI also continued to partner with developers to create affordable housing through existing programs such as the Affordable Housing Development Program. Additionally, PEI has continued to support first-time home buyers at levels higher than ever before, as well as supporting lower-income households in staying in their homes.

A new initiative, the Community Housing Expansion Pilot Program, was launched during the year and is gaining national recognition. There were 116 units acquired through this program in 2024-2025. Its aim is to strengthen and grow the Island's non-profit housing sector.

VULNERABILITY

The Government of PEI has also made historic investments in supporting vulnerable Islanders. PEI is employing a multi-pronged approach including preventing and diverting individuals before they enter homelessness, providing emergency supports for people experiencing homelessness, supporting individuals to access services to mitigate barriers to housing, and growing the complement of supportive housing units, while working toward a housing first approach. Preliminary recommendations for “Enhancing the System of Care for Islanders Experiencing Complex Issues,” were released in June 2024, with final recommendations for a model of care to support complex Islanders experiencing homelessness released in May 2025. Work to implement recommendations was immediately initiated and is ongoing.

While significant progress has been made in the first year of this strategy, much work remains to be completed in subsequent years, including a vigorous focus on affordability and supporting our most vulnerable, including implementing a Housing First model. Emphasis will continue on striving for ambitious housing starts and making affordable housing options and appropriate supports for those most in need available.

We continue to monitor the housing context, including population growth, changes to immigration pathways, the evolving economic situation, and Federal Government housing and infrastructure platform changes that our Province can benefit from. We will pivot as necessary to rise to the opportunities and challenges presented.

PEI will continue to adapt and work together to achieve the vision of all Islanders having access to adequate, affordable, and suitable housing.



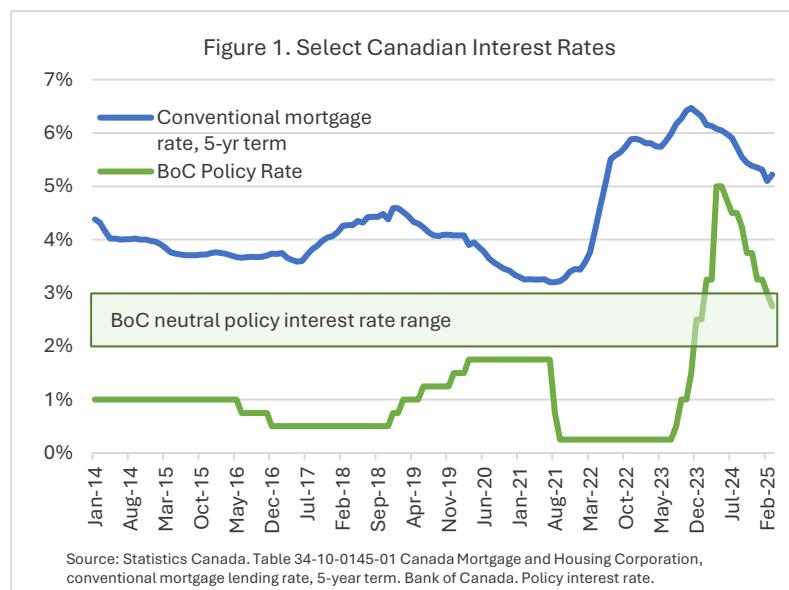
PEI's Evolving Housing Context

Since the Housing Strategy was released in February 2024, the housing context has continued to evolve.

From an economic perspective, while mortgage interest rates remain above the range experienced from 2014 to early 2022, they have begun to decrease (Figure 1). At the same time, the construction sector cost index that increased significantly between 2020 and mid 2024 has started to stabilize¹. Inflation is forecast to return to the two per cent Bank of Canada target².

However, the threat of the unknown with US imposed tariffs could disrupt progress. The unpredictable situation could, and arguably has, resulted in impacted consumer confidence and uncertainty in economic environment moving forward, hindering business planning and investment.

PEI's population has continued to grow, however the rate of growth has slowed considerably since the launch of this strategy³. The federal and provincial governments have made a number of policy changes in recent months to immigration and temporary resident programs, such as international students and temporary foreign workers, which have been important drivers of recent increases of PEI's population. In addition, the flow of interprovincial migrants moving to PEI has decreased from recent highs⁴.



¹ Statistics Canada. [Table 18-10-0289-01 Building construction price indexes, by type of building and division](#). Halifax and Moncton are closest jurisdictions to PEI with data available.

² [Prince Edward Island Budget Paper on the Economy 2025](#)

³ [PEI Population Report Quarterly | Government of Prince Edward Island](#)

⁴ Statistics Canada. [Table 17-10-0020-01 Estimates of the components of interprovincial migration, quarterly](#)

Current projections of population growth indicate that in medium growth scenarios, PEI will reach a population of 200,000 around 2035 with growth expected to flatten over the next couple of years before increasing again (Figure 2), as opposed to earlier projections of reaching 200,000 by 2030⁵. The updated population projection aligns with PEI's updated population framework, a cross-government initiative led by the

Department of Workforce, Advanced Learning and Population that uses population projections produced by the Department of Finance, Statistics Canada, and Canadian Centre for Economic Analysis (CANCEA) modelling based on socio-economic factors.

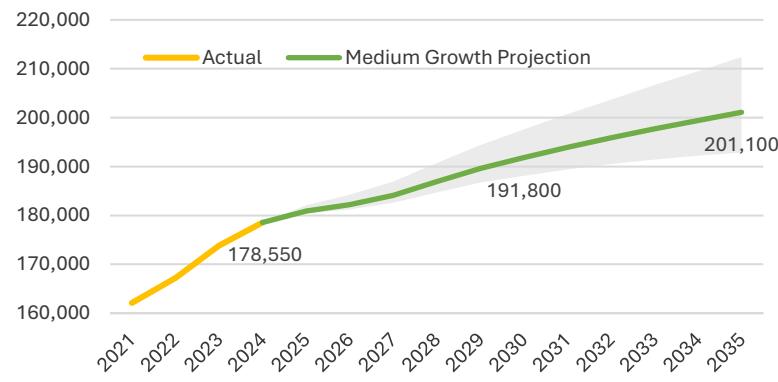
PEI continues to have a cumulative shortfall or “gap” of available housing due to years of population growth that exceeded the number of new units constructed. Estimates of this gap vary considerably.

The updated population projections of reaching 200,000 around 2035 mean that housing demand pressure will grow more slowly going forward, compared to projections at the time of the Housing Strategy release in early 2024.

In summary, PEI's population is still growing and housing continues to be needed to address the outstanding supply gap and to support a healthy vacancy rate into the future.

PEI will continue to monitor the situation, including as new starts are completed and are absorbed into the market. PEI is also working with CMHC on a research initiative project to identify the best practices for comparability in housing needs assessments that can support local and provincial governments.

Figure 2. Estimated Population Growth Projection for PEI



Source: Actual population from Statistics Canada, Table 17-10-0009-01 Population estimates, quarterly. Modelling from Statistics Canada, Table 17-10-0057-01 Projected population, by projection scenario, age, and gender, as of July 1 (x 1,000).

⁵ Government of Prince Edward Island. [Growing Together: A Population Framework for Prince Edward Island](#).

ACCELERATION: 2024-2025 PROGRESS HIGHLIGHTS

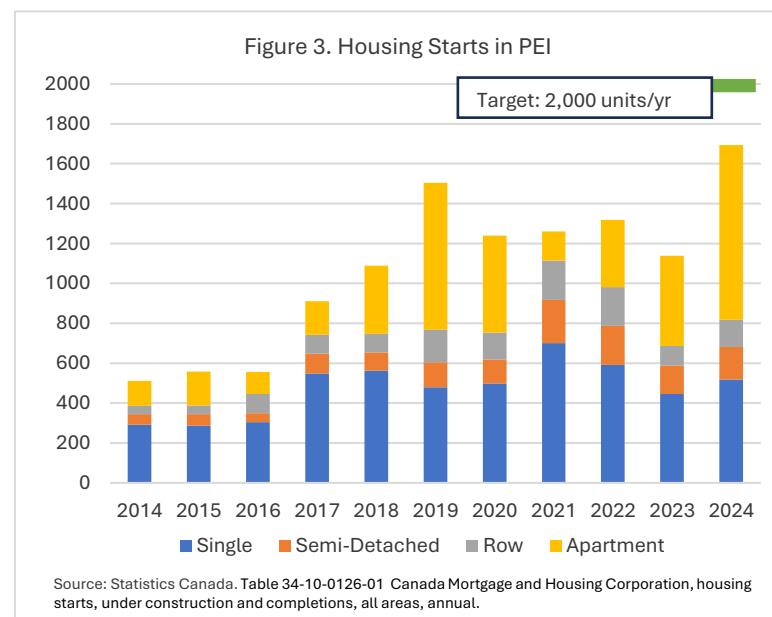
Our goal is to accelerate housing supply to support the anticipated population growth and stimulate a strong and vibrant housing market.

TARGETS:

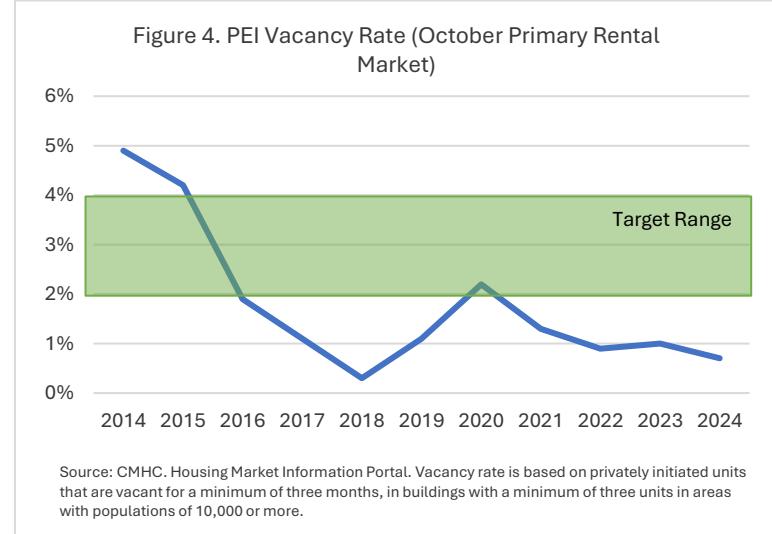
Grow housing starts to new levels towards the required average annual 2,000 units.

Achieve and maintain a healthy market vacancy rate of 2 to 4%.

Housing starts reached a new peak of nearly 1,700 in 2024 (Figure 3), the highest number of housing starts in over 50 years, and were driven by multi-unit starts. The first quarter of 2025 had the highest number of housing starts on record for that quarter with 423. PEI has had record levels of investment in residential building construction⁶, with a 68% increase over the past five years, and this, coupled with direct support, has resulted in record employment growth in the sector as well.



While vacancy rates remain below target at 0.8% (Figure 4), the number of new units entering the market and reduced population growth rate should ease pressure into the future.



⁶ Statistics Canada. [Table 34-10-0286-01 Investment in building construction](#).

A number of new provincial programs were launched during 2024-2025 to accelerate housing development including the [Municipal Infrastructure Fund](#) (MIF) and the [Subdivision Financing Development Program](#).

In addition, the Government of PEI and the Government of Canada signed the [Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund](#) (CHIF) agreement that will support construction of municipal infrastructure such as sewer and water that is designed to support the creation of additional housing units. This program opened to applications in February 2025.

These initiatives build on other critical and timely investments that were made to support multi-unit residential development including the [Housing Challenge Fund](#), the [Residential Unit Development Incentive](#), and the [HST Rebate](#).



The Government of PEI has advanced the development of a provincial land use plan, with the release of the [State of the Island Report](#), and initial steps taken to begin a public consultation process.

PEI experienced a record high for labour force in construction (at 9,700 in 2024; Table 1), and with 1,500 youth aged 15 to 24 employed in the construction industry—the highest number ever recorded for this age group in the sector. There have been continued investments to support red seal completions, growth in construction related trades apprenticeships, and increased investments in all areas of skilled trades exposure programs and partnerships with industry and associations. PEI's Office of Immigration has been actively engaged in supporting the recruitment of skilled trades workers for the construction sector in PEI, working with the PEI Home Builders Association, the Construction Association of PEI, and local employers to address labour shortages through targeted international recruitment missions.

Table 1. Construction Labour Workforce in PEI.

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Construction labour workforce per calendar year	7,300	6,900	6,400	7,700	8,300	9,700

Source: Statistics Canada. [Table 14-10-0023-01 Labour force characteristics by industry, annual \(x 1,000\)](#).

To support municipalities in building homes faster, in addition to the launch of MIF and CHIF to support creation of lots and subdivisions, a new PEI Municipal Funding Framework was put into place, increasing the financial support available for the 29 municipalities doing land use planning. Funding was also made available to municipalities to support shared services. PEIHLIC also continued to assist municipalities in applying for federal government's Housing Accelerator Funds and implementing their action plans where appropriate.

Other approaches being taken to support the long-term housing market are the sharing of information related to renting and enforcement of short-term rental restrictions. Community Legal Information continues to deliver the Renting PEI program to offer information to landlords and tenants regarding their rights and responsibilities, with funding from Housing, Land and Communities. The Department of Fisheries, Tourism, Sport and Culture through Tourism PEI was approved for funding through the federal Short-Term Rental Enforcement Fund to support local enforcement of short-term rental restrictions in an effort to make more long-term housing units available. Tourism PEI will use the funds to strengthen and modernize the enforcement of short-term rental (STR) regulations over the next three years in partnership with municipalities.

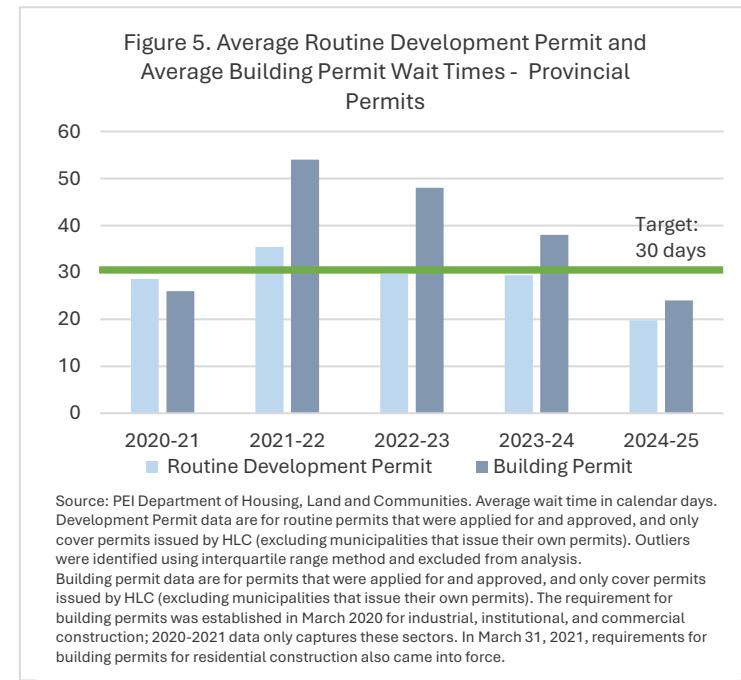
Provincial permit wait times have been reduced, with an average of 20 days for a routine residential development permit and average building permit processing time of 24 days as a result of several improvements taken by the Department of Housing, Land and Communities

(Figure 5). To reduce permit wait times further and improve the client experience, AI technology that can assist in completing applications or evaluating building plans will be explored.

PEI has continued to lead and invest in innovative building solutions. PEI is the first jurisdiction in Atlantic Canada to utilize volumetric modular housing at scale with a six-storey apartment building on Malpeque Road, and the buildings currently under construction in Charlottetown are the largest wood constructed volumetric modular builds in the country. PEI will be working with Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (ACOA), our Atlantic provincial partners and UNB-Offsite Construction Research Centre to develop a roadmap to address barriers and explore opportunities to scale factory-built housing in Atlantic Canada.

PEIHC continues to partner with the Construction Association of PEI and high schools to build tiny homes, while supporting skill development. Additionally, PEIHC has continued the partnership with Holland College on the construction of small homes with three homes being completed in 2025 adding to eight in total since 2023.

Progress has been made toward implementing new innovative community designs through the new Hillsborough Park Development project, including rezoning and infrastructure design completion.



Modular unit in construction

AFFORDABILITY: 2024-2025 PROGRESS HIGHLIGHTS

Our goal is to facilitate adequate, suitable and affordable housing options and pathways for all Islanders to have a home.

TARGET: Explore opportunities to increase the supply of permanently affordable rental housing through a combination of acquisitions and new constructions

The supply of permanently affordable rental housing increased significantly through government development and partnerships with private developers and non-profit organizations in 2024-2025.

There has been record investment in the creation of new social housing units - the 2024-2025 capital expenditure was the largest on record with 149 PEIHC social housing units added through construction (37) and acquisitions (112). This builds on substantive investments in 2023-24, where 142 new units added to the social housing inventory (Table 2).

Table 2. PEI Housing Corporation Owned Social Housing Units

	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	Total Units Added since 2019-20
PEIHC owned units added (new construction & acquired) (#)	2	42	44	55	142	149	434
Total owned units (#)	1,599	1,641	1,685	1,734	1,876	2,025	
Units under design & construction as of March 31, 2025 (#)						234	

Source: PEIHC. Owned units are lower in 23-24 than in the annual report as 22 units have been reclassified for supportive housing. Added units in 2022-23 were 55, however 6 units were lost to fire.

A new pilot initiative, the [Community Housing Expansion Pilot Program](#) was launched during the year and is gaining national recognition. Three local non-profit and co-operative housing organizations were selected to expand their housing portfolios and have received funding as strategic support to develop and implement capacity building exercises, including management, governance, real estate development and property management in a cohort environment with guidance from the Canadian Housing Transformation Centre. These capacity funding supports will allow the partners to be better positioned for growth going forward. Acquisitions made by partner organizations and supported, in part, by the province will assist in protecting affordable rental units into the future. There were 116 units acquired through this program in 2024-2025. This initiative is an expansion of the Provincial mandate beyond those who qualify for social housing and tackles general housing affordability. Its aim is to strengthen and grow the Island's non-profit housing sector.

In 2024-2025, PEIHC committed to supporting the construction of 72 more affordable units through Affordable Housing Development Program. Five affordable units were completed in 2024-2025 with 95 affordable units under construction. Non-profits, community-based service organizations, municipalities

and developers have continued to submit applications for funding to help create more affordable housing options for Islanders in need, through the Community Housing Fund, with funds committed to developers in 2024-2025 for 33 new units. Twenty-two (22) units were completed, and 33 units are under construction. This program is administered through the Canadian Mental Health Association and funded by the PEIHC.

PEIHC also works with private and non-profit developers on leveraging federal funding opportunities through various CMHC programs in an effort to enable access for both federal and provincial funding opportunities.

PEI continues to leverage government owned property to support the creation of affordable housing, with work progressing on the Hillsborough Park and Miltonvale Park developments, and has been gathering community input on the future utilization of the land at 241 Euston Street.

TARGET: Prioritize the most in need on the PEI Social Housing Registry, while working to eliminate the registry.

At the end of 2024-2025, the Social Housing Registry had the smallest wait list in well over a decade (Figure 6) due to a combination of newly constructed PEIHC units and acquisitions, increased mobile rental vouchers and increased units with rent supplement agreements (Table 3). The waitlist is also regularly reviewed to ensure accuracy and to support prioritization.

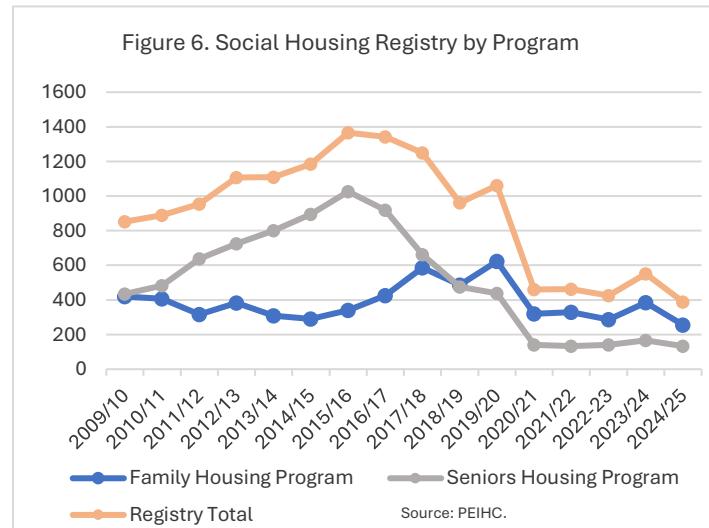


Table 3. Social Housing Program Summary

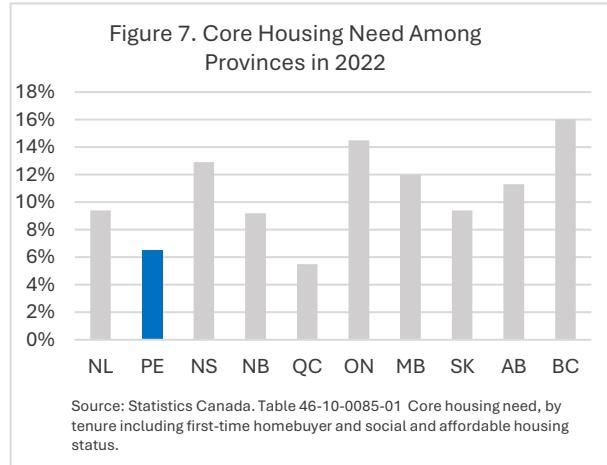
	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
PEIHC Owned units	1,599	1,641	1,685	1,734	1,876	2,025
Units with Rent Supplements (#)	222	420	470	474	448	458
Mobile Rental Voucher Recipients (#)	832	1045	1316	1425	1516	1585

Source: PEIHC.

PEI also continues to make strides in investing in maintaining existing housing and shelter stock, in order to ensure their continued availability, with \$4.5M invested in 2024-2025. Work is underway to complete the design of major electrical retrofits to remove oil-fired equipment in select buildings, completing efficiency and resiliency data collection on the entire building portfolio, and developing upgrade roadmaps for future capital repair projects. The Government of PEI has executed a funding agreement through the federal Environment and Climate Change Canada Low Carbon Economy Leadership Fund to support the completion of building upgrades/energy efficiency improvements in social housing units owned by PEIHC.

TARGET: Reduce the number of Islanders with a core housing need, spending more than 30% of their before-tax household income on housing.

PEI continues to work toward reducing the number of Islanders in core housing need. At 6.5% in 2022, the latest available Statistics Canada information, PEI had the second lowest percentage of the population in core housing need among provinces (Figure 7); we will continue to monitor this important metric in measuring affordability.



TARGET: Provide support to first-time home buyers.

PEI has continued to support first-time home buyers at levels higher than ever before, through the first full year of operation of both the Closing Cost program and the Rent-to-Own program, as well as the Down Payment Assistance Program (Table 4). In 2024-2025, 171 households were supported through the Closing Cost Program, 112 households were supported through the Down Payment Assistance Program, and 15 households entered into Rent-to-Own agreements. Households may be eligible to access more than one program, most notably the Down Payment Assistance Program and Closing Cost Program were designed to work together.

Table 4. First Time Home Buyer Programs

	Funds Disbursed 2024-25	Households supported 2024-25	Cumulative Funds Disbursed 2019-20 to 2024-25	Total Households Supported since 2019-20
Down Payment Assistance Program ¹	\$1,530,835	112	\$3,984,695	366
Closing Cost Support Program ²	\$405,840	171	\$427,033	180
Rent-to-Own Pilot Program ³	\$3,422,424	15	\$4,009,024	19

¹Source: Finance PEI. The [Down Payment Assistance Program](#) is operated and funded by Finance PEI. The program was launched in 2018.

²Source: PEIHC. The [Closing Cost Support Program](#) is operated and funded by PEIHC. The Closing Cost program was launched in November 2023.

³Source: Finance PEI. The [Rent-to-Own Pilot Program](#) is operated and funded by Finance PEI. Rent to Own program was launched in November 2023.

TARGET: Increase the number of participants and funds invested to help keep people in their homes.

PEI also continues to invest to keep people in their homes through providing home renovation and home heating funding assistance (Table 5). Over \$4.5M was invested to support nearly 600 households through the PEI Home Renovation programs and \$7.9M invested to support nearly 6,500 households through the PEI Home Heating Program. Work is underway to streamline processes to reduce application, approval, and payment processing times for the PEI Home Renovation programs through a Lean Six Sigma process and the introduction of an electronic customer relationship management (ECRM) system.

Table 5. Programs to Support Keeping Islanders in Their Homes.

	Funds disbursed	Households supported (#) 2024-25	Total Funds Disbursed since 2019-2020
PEI Home Renovation Programs ¹	\$4,522,300	595	\$27,229,717
PEI Home Heating Program ²	\$7,940,850	6,494	\$20,331,010 ³

¹Source: PEIHC. The [PEI Home Renovation Program](#) offers financial assistance to qualifying home owners for renovations and repairs, including streams for seniors. PEIHC operates and funds this program.

²Source: PEIHC. The [PEI Home Heating Program](#) provides financial support to households who are experiencing challenges in affording heat for their homes. The Salvation Army operates this program with funding from PEIHC.

³Funds disbursed not available for FY2019-20.



VULNERABILITY: 2024-2025 PROGRESS HIGHLIGHTS

Our goal is to support those who are most in need of access to appropriate housing and supports.

TARGET: Work to end chronic homelessness.

Chronic homelessness is defined as someone who is currently experiencing homelessness and who experienced six months or more of homelessness in the past year, including both those staying in emergency and temporary shelter and those unsheltered. During the reporting period, between 50 to 100 people were experiencing chronic homelessness at different points in time, as per the Coordinated Access Dashboard managed by the John Howard Society.

PEI continues to work toward eliminating chronic homelessness, through a multi-pronged approach including preventing and diverting individuals before they enter homelessness, providing emergency supports for people experiencing homelessness, supporting individuals to access services to mitigate barriers to housing, and growing the complement of supportive housing units, while working toward a housing first approach. For individuals experiencing homelessness, PEIHC continues to build partnerships with community organizations and across government to provide supports and improve coordination of care.

As a few examples of actions in 2024-2025:

- The launch of a new provincial government-led Housing First pilot project is being planned to help support the most vulnerable Islanders experiencing homelessness, recognizing the importance of housing as a key social determinant of health.
- Preliminary recommendations for “Enhancing the System of Care for Islanders Experiencing Complex Issues,” were released in June 2024, prepared by Carlene Donnelly, senior advisor to the Premier and Executive Council tasked with reviewing programs and services for complex populations, with final recommendations for a model of care to support complex Islanders experiencing homelessness released in May 2025. Work to implement preliminary recommendations was immediately initiated and is ongoing.
- Work has been initiated on enhancing service delivery through the Minister’s Task Force for the System of Care for Complex Populations and a Community Action Committee on System of Care for Complex Populations. Consultation with other national and international jurisdictions regarding best practices for supporting individuals with complex needs was conducted. Information gathering on Housing First was initiated with UPEI and Dr. Bill Montelpare, PhD.
- Two learning and knowledge sharing events for community partners and government were held.
- The Community Outreach Centre was relocated to the Park St location and an enhanced intake process was implemented. With Health PEI leadership, a formal medical clinic was established, and numerous care pathways were developed.

- The Summerside Emergency Shelter was opened to support individuals experiencing homelessness in the Prince County area, adding to PEI's number of emergency shelter beds (Table 6).
- PEIHC funded a pilot program, "Building Your Foundation," delivered by the Reach Foundation for clients experiencing homelessness and addictions.
- PEIHC continued investment in the Prevention and Diversion Fund through the John Howard Society in 2024-2025 to decrease the risk of people becoming homeless.
- PEIHC Housing Navigators continued supporting individuals experiencing or at risk of homelessness.
- The Shelter Support Line continues to connect individuals to appropriate supports.
- For youth aging out of care, the Department of Social Development and Seniors (SDS) continues to offer support for transitional apartments and, with assistance from PEIHC, is looking at expanding the number of units available next year. The new Child, Youth and Family Services Act, proclaimed in September 2024, expands the transitional supports that the SDS can offer to youth aging out of care—extending eligibility from ages 18–21 to up to age 25. SDS also works closely with the Housing Navigators and the Youth Aging Out of Care Committee to support planning for those youth.
- PEIHC also continued to engage in Coordinated Access Table that matches people to available social housing and to support community partners in participating.

Table 6. Emergency Shelter Beds

	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Emergency shelter beds (# PEIHC supported)	23	23	31	76	87	97
Emergency shelter bed average annual usage (%)	74%	67%	78%	88%	89%	86%

Source: PEIHC, based on information submitted by shelter operators. Beds included are those owned and/or receiving operational funding from PEIHC: Summerside, Winter St, Park St, LifeHouse, Deacon House (no longer active), Blooming House, Bedford MacDonald House, and Chief Mary Bernard Shelter. Emergency shelter bed usage does not include Chief Mary Bernard.

Homelessness

Differing estimates are available on the number of individuals experiencing overall homelessness (including both chronic and episodic homelessness, and including those staying in emergency and temporary shelter, transitional housing, and those unsheltered).

According to the John Howard Society Coordinated Access Dashboard, between 168 and 236 individuals experienced some form of homelessness at different points in time during the reporting period. This dashboard is based on data entered into the Homeless Individuals and Families Information System (HIFIS) by organizations who are client facing.

The first ever provincial wide Point in Time count conducted over 12 days in October 2024⁷, also led through John Howard Society with federal funding, and in partnership with many different organizations and sectors, reported a total of 318 people identifying as homeless.

TARGET: Increase the availability of supportive housing units.

To address the significant gap in supportive housing, there have been substantive new investments in increasing supportive housing units in 2024-2025 (Table 7).

- PEIHC acquired 11 units in Kings County, meaning there are now supportive housing units in all three counties in PEI.
- Ten more transitional housing units were also opened by the Boys & Girls Club, supported by operating funding by PEIHC.
- An additional 24 units owned by PEIHC are now in development/construction, as well as 12 units through funding provided to Boys & Girls Club.

Several transitional and supportive housing projects are also being supported through the Community Housing Fund. These investments are incremental to the existing operating funding provided to community organizations for supportive housing for vulnerable populations. PEI has received funding from Housing, Infrastructure and Communities Canada through the Unsheltered Homelessness and Encampments Initiative that will assist in the construction of supportive housing units and is seeking to access additional federal funds.

Table 7. Supportive Housing Units: PEIHC owned or received operational funding from PEIHC.

	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Supportive housing units (# of beds supported)	4	26	28	77	96	117
PEIHC owned supportive housing units under development/ construction (#) as of March 31, 2025						24
Other PEIHC funded supportive housing units in construction (excluding Community Housing Fund/AHDP)						12

Source: PEIHC. Includes transitional and supportive housing. Excludes units that do not receive operational funding through PEIHC (including units that received construction funding from PEIHC through Community Housing Fund or AHDP, and excluding units funded by other provincial departments).



