

OVERVIEW OF
RICHMOND COUNTY

ISLE MADAME

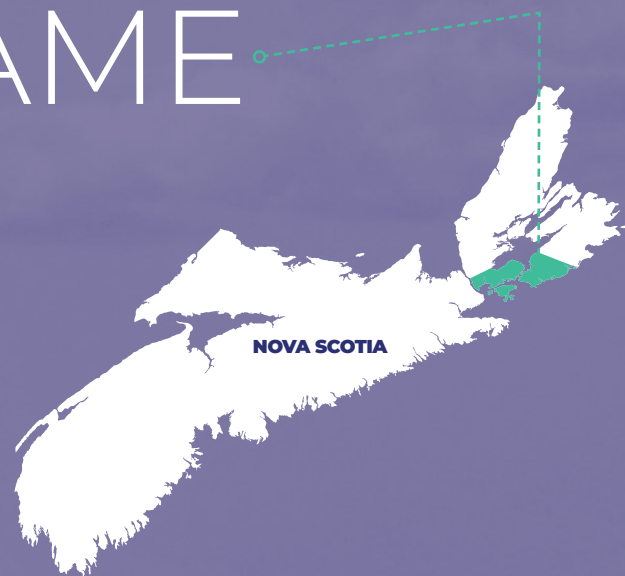
Welcome to Richmond County, located in southeastern Cape Breton Island. The Municipality of the County of Richmond is home to some 8,964 residents, representing approximately 1% of Nova Scotia's total population. While Richmond County is largely English-speaking (66.7%), there is a strong, proud Acadian presence throughout the county with 33.2% of residents able to communicate in French.

The Municipality of the County of Richmond is comprised of three subdivisions with the most significant number of French-speaking residents located within subdivision 'C' on Isle Madame.

SUBDIVISION A: ST-PETERS, L'ARDOISE

SUBDIVISION B: LOUISDALE, CLEVELAND

SUBDIVISION C: ISLE MADAME



Population	Francophones
3,796	11 %
1,512	11 %
3,150	41 %

SUPPORT AND INTEGRATION SERVICES FOR NEWCOMERS TO CANADA

Your integration into the daily life is important. There are many organizations whose mandate is to facilitate your economic and social integration.

If you are an employer who is interested in immigration programs as a means of recruiting new employees, the Economic Immigration Officer at the CDÉNE will provide you with general information on federal and provincial immigration programs and help you to identify qualified international candidates:

agentimmigration@cdene.ns.ca

If you want to start a business or are interested in entrepreneurship, contact the Business Advisor for Immigrant Entrepreneurs at the CDÉNE:

conseillerimmigration@cdene.ns.ca

You can also contact Immigration francophone de la Nouvelle-Écosse for settlement and social integration services:

immigrationfrancophonene.ca

SELF-EMPLOYMENT AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

In Richmond County, opportunities abound for persons to become self-employed, to take the path of entrepreneurship, or even to acquire an existing business. Self-employed individuals include business owners, free-lancers, and fixed fee/contract workers. We encourage individuals to communicate with us so we may accompany them in their entrepreneurial planning and success.

FRANCOPHONE COMMUNITY

The Picasse, the community and cultural center, was built in Petit-de-Grat in 1996-1997. This francophone multi-purpose center houses the northeastern regional offices of the Conseil scolaire acadien provincial (CSAP), the Conseil de développement économique de la Nouvelle-Écosse (CDÉNE), Service Canada, the local campus of Université Sainte-Anne, a regional library, and a community radio station (Radio Richmond). The Picasse organizes and coordinates French-language activities on a year-round basis for residents and visitors alike.

lapicasse.ca

FRANCOPHONE/ACADIAN SCHOOL

École Beau-Port, the CSAP school located in Arichat, offers a quality French first-language education from pre-school to grade 12. It also houses a French-language day care and a community fitness facility.

csap.ca

FRANCOPHONE UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE CAMPUS

A satellite campus of Université Sainte-Anne is located in Petit-de-Grat. Adult learners may participate in collegiate and university programs, as well as local offerings such as 'learn to speak French' sessions. This campus is also home to the Centre de recherche marine (marine research center) which plays an important role in local fisheries, aquaculture, and ecological initiatives.

usainteanne.ca

CONSEIL DE DÉVELOPPEMENT ÉCONOMIQUE DE LA NOUVELLE-ÉCOSSE

To learn more about economic development services available through the CDÉNE, please visit our website.

cdene.ns.ca/en

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LOOKING FOR A JOB?

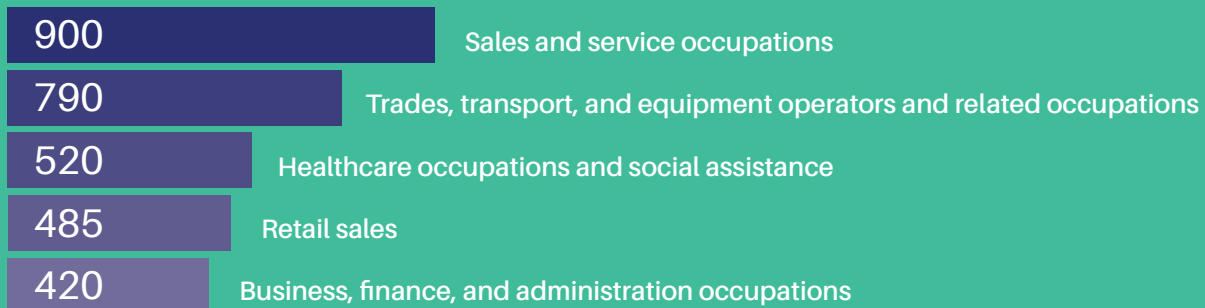
Island Employment, in conjunction with Nova Scotia Works, operates a bilingual office in Arichat, offering the following free services:

- Advice and orientation
- Labor market information
- Job search assistance
- Networking opportunities within the business community
- Introducing clients to potential employers
- Assistance with resume writing and interview preparation

MOST PREVALENT OCCUPATIONS AND TRADES, RICHMOND COUNTY

Most occupations in Richmond County are in the service (tertiary) industry. The employment rate is 52.1% while the labour force participation rate is 43.5%. The unemployment rate is 16.4% in this area where there are 280 self-employed individuals.

The most prevalent occupations by broad occupational categories are as follows:



FRENCH ON ISLE MADAME

550 people speak French
at work

1,825 people claim they are able
to communicate in French

FRENCH IN NOVA SCOTIA

19,780 people speak French
at work

96,085 people claim they are able
to communicate in French

INCOME ON ISLE MADAME

MEDIAN ANNUAL INCOME OF INDIVIDUALS IN 2015

\$27,883

MEDIAN ANNUAL INCOME OF ALL HOUSEHOLDS IN 2015

\$55,014

MEDIAN ANNUAL INCOME OF FAMILIES IN 2015

\$69,632



WHO ARE WE?

The Conseil de développement économique de la Nouvelle-Écosse (CDÉNE) is a not-for-profit provincial, French-language organization dedicated to the economic advancement of Acadian and Francophone communities across Nova Scotia. Founded in 1999, it is the only francophone provincial organization which operates specifically in the realm of economic development.

The CDÉNE is part of the economic development and employability network of Canada, the Réseau de développement économique et d'employabilité (RDÉE Canada). The RDÉE offers a wide range of support activities and services, with its presence in Nova Scotia being ensured through the CDÉNE.

The CDÉNE offers solutions to businesses, non-profit organizations, job seekers, newcomers to Canada, and community groups with the aim of fostering economic development. Our personalized approach, combined with the knowledge and expertise of our staff, allow us to collaborate to find the best possible solutions to support your successful initiatives.



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