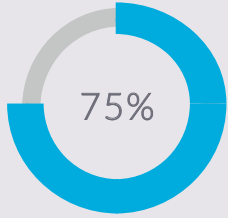


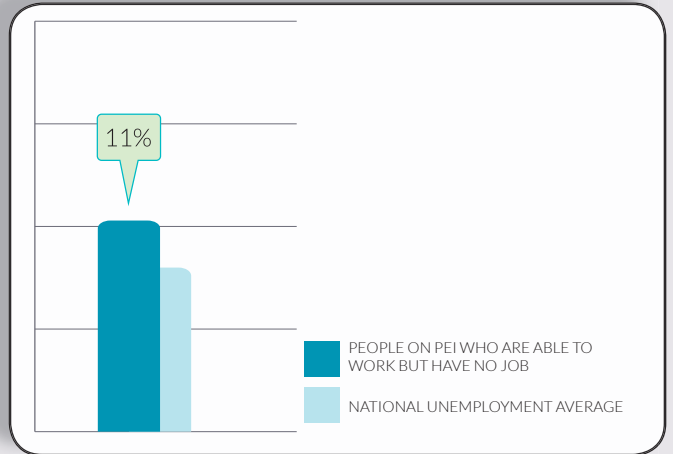
EMPLOYMENT:

There is an emphasis on lack of jobs on the island.
Islanders are experiencing the highest rates of unemployment in the country.

“Employment is vital for people to be self-sufficient and enjoy full citizenship.”



OF PEOPLE SURVEYED TOLD US THAT LACK OF JOBS AND OPPORTUNITIES CONTRIBUTED TO POVERTY ON PEI.



“Meaningful employment for everyone is a long-term solution to reducing poverty. People want to be able to support themselves and their family.”

MEANWHILE, IN THE SUMMER MONTHS...

PEI has the **HIGHEST** number of people employed than any province other than Alberta.

THE SOCIAL ASSISTANCE POLICY MANUAL SAYS...
that people on Social Assistance will have support in getting post-secondary education.

We heard... that universal access to basic education is not happening for Social Assistance clients.

EMPLOYMENT SOLUTIONS OFFERED BY THE COMMUNITY:

Work with employers to find out what they need to pay a living wage.

Have a Basic Income Guarantee (BIG) or similar income guarantee.

Have a Provincial Child tax credit.

Have wages that reflect the cost of living.

Have meaningful job creation that is sustainable.

Invest in youth and rural areas.

Subsidize wages to encourage local employment.

Have more opportunities for home-based jobs.

Increase minimum wage.

Index minimum wage to cost of living.

Government should encourage entrepreneurship, support new businesses and self-employment

Have an economic policy that looks at reducing poverty and building stronger communities by having more local resources and businesses

Increase programs for people who are not EI eligible.

More education among employers about hiring people with disabilities (i.e. the value they can to organizations, supports they may need).

Have a comprehensive support program for employers to hire people with disabilities.

We need a more diverse economy.

Continue to support our traditional, seasonal sectors.

SkillsPEI programs should focus on on-the-job experience and skill building.

Raise the income threshold for the working poor to access dental care, childcare support, and medications.