The Public Administration industry makes a significant contribution to Atlantic Canada’s employment base, amounting to 6.7% of total employment, compared to 5.1% in the country as a whole. The industry is comprised of three main levels of government: federal; provincial and territorial; and local, municipal, regional, Aboriginal and other administration.

This profile provides an overview of recent labour market conditions for the Public Administration industry in the Atlantic Region. It addresses demographics and annual fluctuations in employment. The specific occupations included in this report include: police officers and firefighters; administrative and regulatory occupations; policy and program officers, researchers and consultants; and administrative support clerks.

The following are some key highlights:

- Public Administration is one of the largest industries in Atlantic Canada, accounting for just over 10% of the region’s GDP in 2016 (compared to 6.4% nationally).
- Prince Edward Island has the greatest dependence on Public Administration relative to the rest of the country: nearly 1 in 10 people in PEI worked in the industry in 2016, which is almost twice as many employed nationally.
- At 22.6%, Atlantic Canada has the highest share of older workers in its Public Administration industry compared to the rest of the country (20.6%).
- Public Administration is one of the highest paying industries in Atlantic Canada offering a median wage in excess of $28.94 per hour in 2016 (compared to $19.41 for all industries).
- The employment outlook for Public Administration in Atlantic Canada is not favourable over the 2017-2019 forecast period, with fewer jobs projected, particularly in Newfoundland and Labrador.

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