

# Presque Isle Fact Sheet

## Rural Agricultural Community

Population: 9,511

County: Aroostook

White: 95%

African-American: <1%

Latino: <1%

Native American: 2%

Presque Isle is located in northeastern Aroostook County, minutes from the Canadian border. Despite its small size, Presque Isle bills itself as "the business, industrial, commercial, transportation and cultural center of Aroostook County". Nearly half of the County's population resides within a 25 mile radius. The area surrounding Presque Isle is rural, potato farming is a major industry.

## Special Needs Population

Total # special needs children 0-18 receiving services	Ages 0-3 <sup>1</sup>	Ages 3-5 <sup>2</sup>	Ages 6-12 <sup>2</sup>	Prevalence Rate <sup>2</sup> (K-12 population)
347	55	30	262	11.8%

## County-level Economic Indicators<sup>3</sup>

Median Household Income, 1997	Children 0-17 in Poverty, 1997	Children on TANF, Oct 2000	Children 0-17 participating in Medicaid, 2000
\$29,124	20.0%	6.8%	41.4%

## Community Groups

**Aroostook County Action Program (ACAP)**, 207-764-3721

### Helping Hands for Children and Families

Parents or caregivers are matched for information sharing and for needed resources

### James River Respite Home for Children

A six-bed, 24-hour respite care facility for children with disabilities

**M&M Ministries (Soup Kitchen)**, 207-764-0758

**New Life Baptist Church**, 207-764-0500

**Pine Tree Legal Services (Presque Isle Office)**, 207-764-4349

**Seventh Day Adventist Church**, 207-768-6251

**United Way of Aroostook**, 207-764-5197

**University of Maine Presque Isle**, 207-768-9400

One of seven autonomous campuses within the University of Maine system, UMPI has 1400 traditional and non-traditional students from the United States and Canada.

<sup>1</sup>Jaci Holmes, (11/5/01), Director of Child Development Services, ME Dept. of Education, email.

<sup>2</sup>Maine Department of Education, 12/1/2000 Child Count, [http://thor.ddp.state.me.us/pls/doe/eddev.efs05\\_user\\_reports.totals\\_report](http://thor.ddp.state.me.us/pls/doe/eddev.efs05_user_reports.totals_report), [November 5, 2001].

<sup>3</sup>Maine Kids Count, 2001 Data Book, <http://www.mekids.org>.