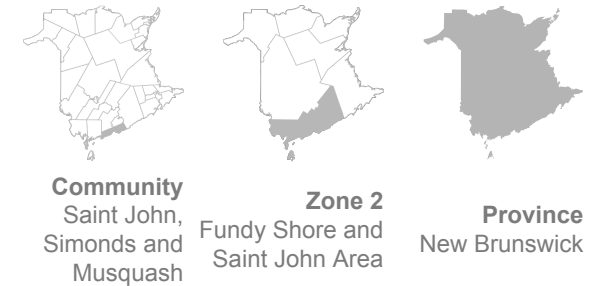


POPULATION HEALTH
Health behaviours





Healthy Eating

👤 Children

Eat breakfast daily % 2025-2026	48.0	48.2	49.6
Eat 5 or more servings of vegetables or fruit daily - parents' point of view % 2016-2017	45.8	49.3	49.4
Eat 5 or more servings of vegetables or fruit daily % 2025-2026	65.7	65.8	65.0
Eat meals while watching television 3 times or more in the last 7 days - parents' point of view % 2016-2017	32.5	29.0	28.2
Eat non-nutritious foods % 2023-2024	88.5	89.8	86.0
Drink sugary beverages % 2023-2024	70.1	70.0	67.2
Parents - ate at a fast food place at least once with their child in the last 7 days % 2016-2017	57.2	56.1	59.1

	Community Saint John, Simonds and Musquash	Zone 2 Fundy Shore and Saint John Area	Province New Brunswick
🧑 Youth			
Eat breakfast daily % 2025-2026	34.2	33.8	36.6
Eat 5 or more servings of vegetables or fruit daily % 2025-2026	55.7	56.9	57.3
Ate meals while using an electronic device 7 times or more in the last 7 days % 2023-2024	26.4	22.6	20.3
Eat highly processed foods 1 time or less per day % 2024-2025	28.5	30.5	32.7
Drink sugary beverages % 2024-2025	72.9	70.3	68.0
Ate at a fast food place or restaurant 3 times or more in the last 7 days % 2023-2024	14.2	12.9	12.6
🧑 Adults and seniors			
Eat 5 or more servings of vegetables or fruit daily % 2020	40.0	40.3	41.9
Adults % 2020	41.6	41.9	43.2
Seniors % 2020	34.5	40.0	38.5
Physical Activity, Sedentary Behaviours and Sleep			
🧑 Children			
Parents - are physically active with their children % 2016-2017	34.1	34.2	31.7

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Moderate or vigorous physical activity % 2025-2026	30.8	31.3	28.2
Screen time, 2 hours or less per day % 2025-2026	18.3	22.7	23.5
Spends 3 hours or more playing video games % 2025-2026	26.1	23.0	22.9
Engages in leisure reading % 2024-2025	79.5	79.6	79.4
Sleep 9 hours or more every night % 2019-2020	n/a	n/a	n/a
 Youth			
Moderate or vigorous physical activity % 2025-2026	22.2	24.9	24.3
Screen time, 2 hours or less of leisure screen time per day % 2023-2024	26.0	27.8	28.1
Screen time, 2 hours or less, weekdays % 2023-2024	13.9	15.2	15.8
Screen time, 2 hours or less, weekends % 2023-2024	13.1	14.1	14.8
Spends 3 hours or more per day on social media % 2025-2026	61.8	60.1	59.5
Spends 3 hours or more playing games on an electronic device, weekdays % 2025-2026	27.4	25.0	24.6
Reads for fun every day % 2024-2025	56.0	55.0	55.4
Sleep 8 hours or more every night % 2025-2026	58.5	60.0	62.9
 Adults and seniors			

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Moderate or vigorous physical activity % 2020	49.2	51.5	49.9
Adults % 2020	50.5	53.5	51.0
Seniors % 2020	44.9	48.4	47.4
Usually sleeps for 7 hours or more each night % 2020	52.8	57.6	59.1
Adults % 2020	53.2	58.2	58.3
Seniors % 2020	53.6	55.7	59.1

Tobacco, Alcohol and Drug Use

Youth

At risk of becoming a future smoker % 2023-2024	32.8	33.6	31.0
Daily or occasional vaper % 2025-2026	10.7	11.7	11.1
Daily or occasional smoker % 2025-2026	6.2	6.9	6.3
Heavy drinking % 2025-2026	5.7	7.3	8.3
Cannabis use % 2025-2026	10.1	11.7	10.8
Drug use % 2024-2025	30.0	30.2	30.0

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👤 Adults and seniors			
Daily or occasional smoker % 2020	24.6	19.5	17.5
Adults % 2020	27.8	22.0	19.9
Seniors % 2020	14.2	10.5	10.5
Heavy drinking % 2020	24.3	27.4	26.9
Adults % 2020	28.7	30.6	30.0
Seniors % 2020	13.4	12.3	13.1
Cannabis use - adults and seniors % 2020	11.1	8.8	7.6

Sexual Activity

👤 Youth			
Youth - report they know when they are legally able to consent to sexual activity % 2024-2025	68.0	70.7	70.3
Teens - gave birth Rate per 1,000 females	n/a	n/a	n/a
Sexually transmitted infections - chlamydia Rate per 10,000 population aged 15 to 19 2019	S	76	125

👥 All population

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Sexually transmitted infections - chlamydia Rate per 10,000 population 2019	S	22	29

Injury Prevention

Youth

Wear a helmet when riding a bicycle % 2022-2023	28.4	30.8	28.2
Driver of an off-road vehicle - under the influence of alcohol or drugs % 2024-2025	8.4	9.9	10.3
Passenger in an on-road vehicle - driven by someone under the influence of alcohol or drugs % 2024-2025	12.7	14.0	14.8

About this Table

Health behaviours are shaped by individual choices, they are also influenced by the external factors (social, economic, health care services and the environment) around us.

Content and description

Information by age groups about healthy eating, physical activity, sedentary behaviours and sleep. Tobacco, alcohol and drug use, sexual activity and injury prevention are also part of the information available.

Why is this important?

Positive health behaviours can prevent diseases and maintain good health, thus improving length and quality of life.

By monitoring health behaviours over time, it is possible to develop a proactive approach to population health. This can be done by identifying gaps in the community, by better planning for health services based on needs, by developing programs and policies to meet those needs and by evaluating the impact over time.

Availability of the data


Indicators from a variety of sources are collected, organized, and analyzed by the NBHC. These data sources are used to represent the population health of New Brunswickers. Each have various levels of reliability and limitations as detailed in the Indicator pages. The information for this data table is available for the 33 NBHC Communities, 7 Health Zones and for New Brunswick overall.


The Population Health data table series provides comprehensive view about the people who live, learn, work, take part in activities and in community life in this area.

Caption

n/a = Not applicable / not available

S = Data suppressed due to confidentiality requirements and/or small sample size

 Above-average performance

 Below-average performance