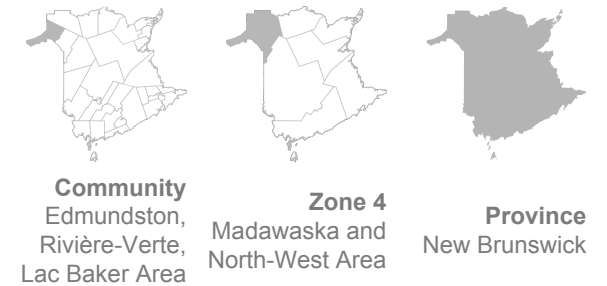


POPULATION HEALTH  
**Health behaviours**



**Healthy Eating**

**👤 Children**

Eat breakfast daily %   2024-2025	<b>57.6</b>	<b>56.0</b>	<b>50.0</b>
Eat 5 or more servings of vegetables or fruit daily - parents' point of view %   2019-2020	<b>49.1</b>	n/a	n/a
Eat 5 or more servings of vegetables or fruit daily %   2023-2024	<b>56.8</b>	<b>52.2</b>	<b>56.5</b>
Eat meals while watching television 3 times or more in the last 7 days - parents' point of view %   2019-2020	<b>21.5</b>	n/a	n/a
Eat non-nutritious foods %   2023-2024	<b>79.7</b>	<b>78.4</b>	<b>86.0</b>
Drink sugary beverages %   2023-2024	<b>59.9</b>	<b>61.1</b>	<b>67.2</b>
Parents - ate at a fast food place at least once with their child in the last 7 days %   2019-2020	<b>56.1</b>	n/a	n/a

	Community Edmundston, Rivière-Verte, Lac Baker Area	Zone 4 Madawaska and North-West Area	Province New Brunswick
<b>👤 Youth</b>			
Eat breakfast daily %   2023-2024	38.4	36.8	35.6
Eat 5 or more servings of vegetables or fruit daily %   2024-2025	57.1	57.1	52.3
Ate meals while using an electronic device 7 times or more in the last 7 days %   2023-2024	14.1	14.3	20.3
Eat highly processed foods 1 time or less per day %   2024-2025	35.1	34.8	32.7
Drink sugary beverages %   2024-2025	66.5	67.0	68.0
Ate at a fast food place or restaurant 3 times or more in the last 7 days %   2023-2024	15.6	15.3	12.6
<b>👤 Adults and seniors</b>			
Eat 5 or more servings of vegetables or fruit daily %   2020	45.1	45.2	41.9
Adults %   2020	48.1	48.6	43.2
Seniors %   2020	37.9	36.3	38.5
<b>Physical Activity, Sedentary Behaviours and Sleep</b>			
<b>👤 Children</b>			
Parents - are physically active with their children %   2019-2020	26.0	n/a	n/a

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Moderate or vigorous physical activity %   2023-2024	18.3	18.8	21.9
Screen time, 2 hours or less per day %   2024-2025	33.3	31.7	23.6
Spends 3 hours or more playing video games %   2024-2025	14.8	17.8	22.7
Engages in leisure reading %   2024-2025	78.9	77.9	79.4
Sleep 9 hours or more every night %   2019-2020	65.8	n/a	n/a
<b>🧑 Youth</b>			
Moderate or vigorous physical activity %   2024-2025	22.6	22.6	23.9
Screen time, 2 hours or less of leisure screen time per day %   2023-2024	27.3	28.8	28.1
Screen time, 2 hours or less, weekdays %   2023-2024	16.2	17.1	15.8
Screen time, 2 hours or less, weekends %   2023-2024	17.1	17.4	14.8
Spends 3 hours or more per day on social media %   2024-2025	59.8	59.6	57.2
Spends 3 hours or more playing games on an electronic device, weekdays %   2024-2025	22.6	23.6	24.3
Reads for fun every day %   2024-2025	51.6	48.9	55.4
Sleep 8 hours or more every night %   2024-2025	69.4	68.0	61.4
<b>🧓 Adults and seniors</b>			

	Community Edmundston, Rivière-Verte, Lac Baker Area	Zone 4 Madawaska and North-West Area	Province New Brunswick
Moderate or vigorous physical activity %   2020	41.4	43.7	49.9
Adults %   2020	40.7	43.9	51.0
Seniors %   2020	43.4	43.3	47.4
Usually sleeps for 7 hours or more each night %   2020	56.4	57.3	59.1
Adults %   2020	54.7	56.1	58.3
Seniors %   2020	60.2	60.3	59.1

## Tobacco, Alcohol and Drug Use

### Youth

At risk of becoming a future smoker %   2023-2024	26.7	28.2	31.0
Daily or occasional vaper %   2024-2025	13.1	13.5	12.0
Daily or occasional smoker %   2024-2025	4.5	5.4	6.2
Heavy drinking %   2024-2025	11.6	12.9	8.7
Cannabis use %   2024-2025	7.5	8.6	11.3
Drug use %   2024-2025	32.1	31.6	30.0

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<b>👤 Adults and seniors</b>			
Daily or occasional smoker %   2020	16.6	17.1	17.5
Adults %   2020	19.6	20.6	19.9
Seniors %   2020	9.6	8.4	10.5
Heavy drinking %   2020	28.4	27.5	26.9
Adults %   2020	35.4	33.2	30.0
Seniors %   2020	12.4	13.5	13.1
Cannabis use - adults and seniors %   2020	2.5	3.7	7.6

## Sexual Activity

### 👤 Youth

Youth - report they know when they are legally able to consent to sexual activity %   2024-2025	70.0	68.3	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	54	125

### 👥 All population

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Sexually transmitted infections - chlamydia Rate per 10,000 population   2019	S	17	29

## Injury Prevention

### Youth

Wear a helmet when riding a bicycle %   2022-2023	19.9	18.2	28.2
Driver of an off-road vehicle - under the influence of alcohol or drugs %   2024-2025	13.7	14.9	10.3
Passenger in an on-road vehicle - driven by someone under the influence of alcohol or drugs %   2024-2025	18.5	19.1	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.

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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.

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**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