

POPULATION HEALTH

Social and economic factors



Community
Saint John,
Simonds and
Musquash



Zone 2
Fundy Shore and
Saint John Area





Province
New Brunswick

Family and Social Support

Family and friends

Parents - report eating dinner (evening meal) with their children % 2016-2017	53.5	54.3	55.7
Children - with mental fitness needs highly satisfied by family % 2023-2024	75.4	75.3	77.2
Children - with mental fitness needs highly satisfied by friends % 2023-2024	87.0	88.0	87.8
Youth - eat an evening meal together with family, friends or guardians % 2023-2024	39.1	39.1	44.1
Youth - enjoy my cultural and family traditions % 2023-2024	53.7	54.0	53.3
Youth - my parent or caregiver knows a lot about me % 2023-2024	49.6	50.7	51.0
Youth - my family stands by me during difficult times % 2023-2024	51.9	52.1	51.0
Youth - with mental fitness needs highly satisfied by family % 2023-2024	79.1	79.7	81.3
Youth - my friends stand by me during difficult times % 2023-2024	40.3	40.5	39.6
Youth - with mental fitness needs highly satisfied by friends % 2023-2024	82.8	83.0	83.8
Youth - have people I look up to % 2023-2024	46.1	47.1	46.0
Adults and seniors - lack companionship some of the time or often % 2020	38.4	36.6	36.6

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Adults and seniors - feel left out some of the time or often % 2020	30.7	33.6	31.2
Adults and seniors - feel isolated some of the time or often % 2020	34.7	33.8	31.2
Adults and seniors - provide long-term care to someone % 2020	8.9	9.9	9.1
 School and/or work			
Children - feel teachers treat me fairly % 2022-2023	71.6	70.9	68.0
Children - feel safe at school % 2022-2023	72.7	71.9	69.6
Children - feel connected to my school % 2022-2023	64.6	62.3	60.3
Children - with mental fitness needs highly satisfied by school % 2023-2024	61.5	61.6	64.6
Youth - participate in activities or groups organized by school % 2023-2024	59.3	62.6	62.1
Youth - feel teachers treat me fairly % 2023-2024	80.1	80.0	80.8
Youth - feel safe at school % 2023-2024	72.8	74.4	75.0
Youth - feel connected to my school % 2023-2024	86.0	86.1	86.6
Youth - with mental fitness needs highly satisfied by school % 2023-2024	56.0	55.1	58.5
Youth - have opportunities to develop skills that will be useful later in life (like job skills and skills to care for others) % 2023-2024	40.3	41.0	40.6
 Community			
Youth - volunteer outside school without being paid % 2023-2024	62.2	65.4	62.0
Youth - treated fairly in my community % 2023-2024	33.5	34.7	34.9
Youth - participate in activities or groups not organized by school % 2023-2024	59.3	64.2	64.8
Youth - know where to go in my community to get help % 2023-2024	25.8	26.7	27.1
Youth - sense of community belonging, somewhat strong or very strong Number 2023-2024	17.8	18.1	18.1

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Have internet access at home % 2020	91.2	96.9	96.9
Adults % 2020	95.0	97.4	95.7
Seniors % 2020	84.8	88.0	85.7
Difficulties accessing a computer, tablet, or smartphone (when getting virtual care) %	n/a	n/a	n/a
Adults %	n/a	n/a	n/a
Seniors %	n/a	n/a	n/a

Community Safety

Children

Victim of bullying % 2023-2024	29.3	30.9	35.0
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Youth

It is safe for younger children to play outside during the day % 2023-2024	67.1	70.6	71.3
Victim of bullying % 2023-2024	49.4	50.3	48.2
Victim of dating violence % 2022-2023	21.5	20.6	19.8
Sexually violated % 2022-2023	13.5	13.8	14.1

Adults and seniors

Crimes against persons Rate per 1,000 population 2019	16	13	16
Crimes against property Rate per 1,000 population 2019	30	25	33

Stress

Reasons for stress in adults

Time pressures or not having enough time % 2020	42.5	40.9	45.6
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Physical health problem or condition % 2020	27.5	26.7	27.6
Emotional or mental health problem or condition % 2020	28.6	24.9	27.1
Financial situation % 2020	44.2	36.5	36.7
Work situation % 2020	39.5	38.2	38.9
Caring for others - parents, family or friends % 2020	26.3	25.6	27.9
Other personal or family responsibilities % 2020	28.5	26.5	27.0
Health of family members % 2020	38.6	39.3	41.8

? Reasons for stress in seniors

Time pressures or not having enough time % 2020	16.3	13.4	14.1
Physical health problem or condition % 2020	32.7	27.7	24.9
Emotional or mental health problem or condition % 2020	10.4	10.3	12.1
Financial situation % 2020	13.4	12.4	14.9
Work situation % 2020	4.3	4.7	5.1
Caring for others - parents, family or friends % 2020	17.1	18.5	19.4
Other personal or family responsibilities % 2020	18.4	18.2	16.1
Health of family members % 2020	33.5	34.7	33.8

Education

👤 Children and youth

Approved child care spaces - infants (1 and under) Rate per 100 population aged 1 and under 2019	20	15	18
Approved child care spaces - preschool (2-4 years) Rate per 100 population aged 2 to 4 2019	62	55	60
Approved child care spaces - school-age (5-12 years) Rate per 100 population aged 5 to 12 2019	23	24	29

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Kindergarten school readiness % 2018-2019	90	92	85
Youth - school marks above average or excellent (80% or more) % 2018-2019	61.8	64.0	62.7
School dropout rate % 2018-2019	1.0	0.8	1.0
👤 Adults and seniors			
Difficulty understanding written information about a medical condition or prescription, always or usually % 2020	10.7	10.7	12.3
Highest level completed of education - less than high school % 2021	10	8	11
Highest level completed of education - high school or equivalent % 2021	33	31	29
Highest level completed of education - postsecondary certificate, diploma or degree % 2021	58	61	60

Employment

👤 Labour force

Participation rate % 2021	61	61	60
Employment rate % 2021	54	54	54

💼 Employment status

Employee % 2021	90	88	88
Self-employed % 2021	7	10	10
Work a full year, full time % 2021	55	55	53
Work part of the year and/or part time % 2021	45	45	47
Students with part-time jobs outside of school % 2018-2019	31.8	32.0	33.7
Absence days of full-time employees in a year due to illness and disability Days 2020	8	n/a	10

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Absence days of full-time employees in a year due to personal or family responsibilities Days 2020	1.3	n/a	1.6

Income

\$ Household income

Household income - less than \$25,000 % 2021	13	10	11
Household income - \$25,000 to \$59,999 % 2021	34	30	31
Household income - \$60,000 and more % 2021	53	59	58
Median household income \$ 2021	64,000	72,000	70,000
Median household income per household habitant \$ per person 2021	29,091	31,304	30,435
Median lone-parent family income \$ 2021	35,600	36,000	35,600
Live in low-income household % 2021	17	14	14
Youth - live in low-income household (0-17 years) % 2021	23	18	16
...Children - live in low-income household (0-5 years) % 2021	27	20	18
Adults - live in low-income household % 2021	14	12	11
Seniors - live in low-income household % 2021	20	19	22
Family resilience to financial shock - debt to asset ratio % 2019	19	15	15

\$ Composition of total income

Families with children receiving social assistance or welfare benefits % 2020	10	7	5
Population receiving Employment Insurance % 2020	4	4	6
Composition of total income of the population in private households - market income (employment, investments, retirement, etc.) % 2021	77	80	78
Composition of total income of the population in private households - government transfer payments (pension, old age security, employment insurance, child benefits, etc.) % 2021	23	20	22

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🍴 Food security			
Children - eat at a breakfast or snack program at school % 2023-2024	53.6	47.1	51.6
Youth - report going to school or to bed hungry because there is not enough food at home, often or always % 2023-2024	7.4	6.9	7.0
Food insecurity - moderate to severe % 2015 to 2019	n/a	9	n/a
Seniors - food insecurity - moderate to severe % 2015 to 2019	n/a	3	n/a
🏠 Housing security			
Median monthly shelter costs - rented residence \$ 2021	848	841	870
Median monthly shelter costs - owned residence \$ 2021	1,071	1,007	935
Tenants in subsidized housing % 2021	16	15	13
Spending 30% or more of household total income on shelter costs % 2021	18	13	13
💰 Cost associated with health needs			
No insurance for prescription medications % 2020	15.0	15.0	15.6
Did not fill a prescription for medicine, or skipped doses because of the cost % 2020	7.1	5.8	5.8
🛒 Other purchasing practices			
Purchasing practices - alcohol sales \$ per person aged 19 and over 2019-2020	665	476	480
Purchasing practices - lottery sales \$ per person aged 19 and over 2019-2020	n/a	n/a	526
Purchasing practices - cannabis sales \$ per person aged 19 and over 2019-2020	78	67	70
Average debt owed at graduation - college graduate \$ 2015	n/a	n/a	15,100
Average debt owed at graduation - university degree graduate \$ 2015	n/a	n/a	40,000
College graduates with large debt at graduation of \$25,000 and over % 2015	n/a	n/a	17

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University degree graduates with large debt at graduation of \$25,000 and over % 2015	n/a	n/a	72

About this Table

Social and economic factors, such as education, stable jobs, and strong social networks are fundamental to achieving long and healthy lives.

Content and description

Information on family and social support, community safety and stress, by age group.

Information regarding education, employment, and income is also available here.

Why is this important?

Social and economic factors can significantly affect how well and how long we live. They can affect our ability to make healthy choices, afford housing, manage stress, and more.

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