

POPULATION HEALTH

Social and economic factors



Community
Grand Bay-
Westfield,
Westfield,
Greenwich Area



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	58.1	54.3	55.7
Children - with mental fitness needs highly satisfied by family % 2025-2026	75.8	78.0	79.3
Children - with mental fitness needs highly satisfied by friends % 2025-2026	89.7	87.7	87.1
Youth - eat an evening meal together with family, friends or guardians % 2021-2022	47.2	39.8	44.5
Youth - enjoy my cultural and family traditions % 2021-2022	62.9	55.0	53.8
Youth - my parent or caregiver knows a lot about me % 2021-2022	58.8	47.6	48.7
Youth - my family stands by me during difficult times % 2021-2022	55.6	50.9	49.6
Youth - with mental fitness needs highly satisfied by family % 2021-2022	79.7	75.5	78.0
Youth - my friends stand by me during difficult times % 2021-2022	48.2	43.1	41.8
Youth - with mental fitness needs highly satisfied by friends % 2021-2022	82.3	82.1	82.8
Youth - have people I look up to % 2021-2022	56.6	47.3	45.2

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Adults and seniors - lack companionship some of the time or often % 2020	33.8	36.6	36.6
Adults and seniors - feel left out some of the time or often % 2020	33.7	33.6	31.2
Adults and seniors - feel isolated some of the time or often % 2020	32.2	33.8	31.2
Adults and seniors - provide long-term care to someone % 2020	6.9	9.9	9.1
 School and/or work			
Children - feel teachers treat me fairly % 2025-2026	63.0	64.1	63.0
Children - feel safe at school % 2025-2026	67.8	69.5	68.3
Children - feel connected to my school % 2025-2026	61.8	58.0	57.8
Children - with mental fitness needs highly satisfied by school % 2025-2026	63.7	62.9	65.4
Youth - participate in activities or groups organized by school % 2021-2022	66.4	57.4	57.2
Youth - feel teachers treat me fairly % 2021-2022	81.9	82.0	82.1
Youth - feel safe at school % 2021-2022	81.4	77.1	76.0
Youth - feel connected to my school % 2021-2022	88.4	87.1	87.3
Youth - with mental fitness needs highly satisfied by school % 2021-2022	57.1	52.4	55.8
Youth - have opportunities to develop skills that will be useful later in life (like job skills and skills to care for others) % 2021-2022	51.0	40.7	40.3
 Community			
Youth - volunteer outside school without being paid % 2021-2022	62.4	62.2	58.4
Youth - treated fairly in my community % 2021-2022	46.0	37.2	36.6
Youth - participate in activities or groups not organized by school % 2021-2022	76.7	60.9	60.9
Youth - know where to go in my community to get help % 2021-2022	39.5	27.0	26.7

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Youth - sense of community belonging, somewhat strong or very strong Number 2021-2022	19.3	18.4	18.4
Have internet access at home % 2020	84.9	96.9	96.9
Adults % 2020	90.7	97.4	95.7
Seniors % 2020	83.7	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 % 2025-2026	40.1	32.9	34.9
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Youth

It is safe for younger children to play outside during the day % 2021-2022	78.3	74.5	74.9
Victim of bullying % 2021-2022	53.9	46.2	46.3
Victim of dating violence % 2018-2019	16.0	19.5	16.6
Sexually violated % 2018-2019	4.4	10.4	10.4

Adults and seniors

Crimes against persons Rate per 1,000 population 2019	9	13	16
Crimes against property Rate per 1,000 population 2019	20	25	33

Stress

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? Reasons for stress in adults

Time pressures or not having enough time % 2020	43.5	40.9	45.6
Physical health problem or condition % 2020	37.3	26.7	27.6
Emotional or mental health problem or condition % 2020	24.8	24.9	27.1
Financial situation % 2020	29.0	36.5	36.7
Work situation % 2020	37.6	38.2	38.9
Caring for others - parents, family or friends % 2020	30.6	25.6	27.9
Other personal or family responsibilities % 2020	32.6	26.5	27.0
Health of family members % 2020	48.3	39.3	41.8

? Reasons for stress in seniors

Time pressures or not having enough time % 2020	12.6	13.4	14.1
Physical health problem or condition % 2020	27.1	27.7	24.9
Emotional or mental health problem or condition % 2020	9.1	10.3	12.1
Financial situation % 2020	14.0	12.4	14.9
Work situation % 2020	S	4.7	5.1
Caring for others - parents, family or friends % 2020	24.3	18.5	19.4
Other personal or family responsibilities % 2020	17.4	18.2	16.1
Health of family members % 2020	40.4	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	8	15	18
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Approved child care spaces - preschool (2-4 years) Rate per 100 population aged 2 to 4 2019	39	55	60
Approved child care spaces - school-age (5-12 years) Rate per 100 population aged 5 to 12 2019	28	24	29
Kindergarten school readiness % 2018-2019	92	92	85
Youth - school marks above average or excellent (80% or more) % 2018-2019	47.1	64.0	62.7
School dropout rate % 2018-2019	0.0	0.8	1.0

Adults and seniors

Difficulty understanding written information about a medical condition or prescription, always or usually % 2020	14.2	10.7	12.3
Highest level completed of education - less than high school % 2021	6	8	11
Highest level completed of education - high school or equivalent % 2021	29	31	29
Highest level completed of education - postsecondary certificate, diploma or degree % 2021	65	61	60

Employment

Labour force

Participation rate % 2021	60	61	60
Employment rate % 2021	56	54	54

Employment status

Employee % 2021	89	88	88
Self-employed % 2021	10	10	10
Work a full year, full time % 2021	59	55	53
Work part of the year and/or part time % 2021	41	45	47

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Students with part-time jobs outside of school % 2018-2019	16.2	32.0	33.7
Absence days of full-time employees in a year due to illness and disability Days 2020	n/a	n/a	10
Absence days of full-time employees in a year due to personal or family responsibilities Days 2020	n/a	n/a	1.6

Income

\$ Household income

Household income - less than \$25,000 % 2021	7	10	11
Household income - \$25,000 to \$59,999 % 2021	27	30	31
Household income - \$60,000 and more % 2021	66	59	58
Median household income \$ 2021	84,000	72,000	70,000
Median household income per household habitant \$ per person 2021	35,000	31,304	30,435
Median lone-parent family income \$ 2021	41,200	36,000	35,600
Live in low-income household % 2021	11	14	14
Youth - live in low-income household (0-17 years) % 2021	13	18	16
...Children - live in low-income household (0-5 years) % 2021	8	20	18
Adults - live in low-income household % 2021	8	12	11
Seniors - live in low-income household % 2021	16	19	22
Family resilience to financial shock - debt to asset ratio % 2019	S	15	15

\$ Composition of total income

Families with children receiving social assistance or welfare benefits % 2020	3	7	5
Population receiving Employment Insurance % 2020	4	4	6

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Composition of total income of the population in private households - market income (employment, investments, retirement, etc.) % 2021	81	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	19	20	22
🍴 Food security			
Children - eat at a breakfast or snack program at school % 2025-2026	55.6	62.8	61.8
Youth - report going to school or to bed hungry because there is not enough food at home, often or always % 2021-2022	8.2	6.3	6.3
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	790	841	870
Median monthly shelter costs - owned residence \$ 2021	884	1,007	935
Tenants in subsidized housing % 2021	16	15	13
Spending 30% or more of household total income on shelter costs % 2021	7	13	13
💰 Cost associated with health needs			
No insurance for prescription medications % 2020	10.6	15.0	15.6
Did not fill a prescription for medicine, or skipped doses because of the cost % 2020	4.4	5.8	5.8
🛒 Other purchasing practices			
Purchasing practices - alcohol sales \$ per person aged 19 and over 2019-2020	314	476	480
Purchasing practices - lottery sales \$ per person aged 19 and over 2019-2020	n/a	n/a	526

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Purchasing practices - cannabis sales \$ per person aged 19 and over 2019-2020	n/a	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
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