POPULATION HEALTH
Social and economic factors

Community
Grand Bay-Westfield, Westfield, Greenwich Area

Zone 2
Fundy Shore and Saint John Area

Province
New Brunswick
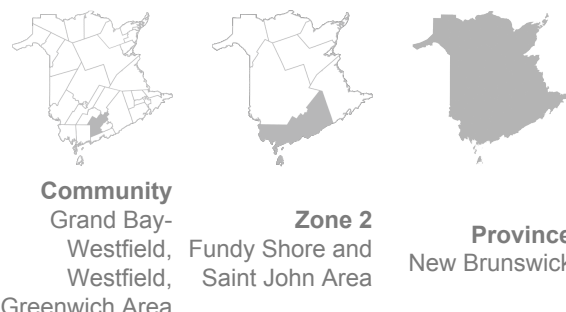
Family and Social Support

👪 Family and friends

	Community	Zone 2	Province
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 % | 2023-2024	**73.1**	**75.3**	**77.2**
Children - with mental fitness needs highly satisfied by friends % | 2023-2024	**84.8**	**88.0**	**87.8**
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 % | 2022-2023	61.9	70.9	68.0
Children - feel safe at school % | 2022-2023	70.3	71.9	69.6
Children - feel connected to my school % | 2022-2023	56.9	62.3	60.3
Children - with mental fitness needs highly satisfied by school % | 2023-2024	55.6	61.6	64.6
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 % | 2023-2024	37.2	30.9	35.0

🧍 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 % | 2023-2024	49.8	47.1	51.6
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