

POPULATION HEALTH

Social and economic factors



Community
Edmundston,
Rivière-Verte,
Lac Baker Area



Zone 4
Madawaska and
North-West Area



Province
New Brunswick

Family and Social Support

Family and friends

Parents - report eating dinner (evening meal) with their children % 2019-2020	65.5	n/a	n/a
Children - with mental fitness needs highly satisfied by family % 2023-2024	82.7	82.2	77.2
Children - with mental fitness needs highly satisfied by friends % 2023-2024	89.2	87.9	87.8
Youth - eat an evening meal together with family, friends or guardians % 2023-2024	62.2	60.7	44.1
Youth - enjoy my cultural and family traditions % 2023-2024	49.3	49.3	53.3
Youth - my parent or caregiver knows a lot about me % 2023-2024	55.6	54.7	51.0
Youth - my family stands by me during difficult times % 2023-2024	51.9	49.4	51.0
Youth - with mental fitness needs highly satisfied by family % 2023-2024	85.2	84.8	81.3
Youth - my friends stand by me during difficult times % 2023-2024	38.6	37.4	39.6
Youth - with mental fitness needs highly satisfied by friends % 2023-2024	86.0	85.0	83.8
Youth - have people I look up to % 2023-2024	48.2	45.1	46.0
Adults and seniors - lack companionship some of the time or often % 2020	33.9	34.3	36.6

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Adults and seniors - feel left out some of the time or often % 2020	24.6	29.2	31.2
Adults and seniors - feel isolated some of the time or often % 2020	28.9	29.8	31.2
Adults and seniors - provide long-term care to someone % 2020	6.0	7.0	9.1

School and/or work

Children - feel teachers treat me fairly % 2022-2023	73.4	66.7	68.0
Children - feel safe at school % 2022-2023	72.8	67.7	69.6
Children - feel connected to my school % 2022-2023	63.3	59.2	60.3
Children - with mental fitness needs highly satisfied by school % 2023-2024	78.9	74.2	64.6
Youth - participate in activities or groups organized by school % 2023-2024	66.0	67.1	62.1
Youth - feel teachers treat me fairly % 2023-2024	84.8	83.7	80.8
Youth - feel safe at school % 2023-2024	82.7	79.9	75.0
Youth - feel connected to my school % 2023-2024	90.2	89.5	86.6
Youth - with mental fitness needs highly satisfied by school % 2023-2024	70.3	69.4	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	42.9	39.7	40.6

Community

Youth - volunteer outside school without being paid % 2023-2024	56.1	56.4	62.0
Youth - treated fairly in my community % 2023-2024	34.0	31.9	34.9
Youth - participate in activities or groups not organized by school % 2023-2024	69.8	68.7	64.8
Youth - know where to go in my community to get help % 2023-2024	28.0	26.9	27.1
Youth - sense of community belonging, somewhat strong or very strong Number 2023-2024	18.1	18.0	18.1

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Have internet access at home % 2020	90.8	89.7	96.9
Adults % 2020	95.4	94.8	95.7
Seniors % 2020	80.4	77.1	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	34.6	36.8	35.0
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Youth

It is safe for younger children to play outside during the day % 2023-2024	74.5	73.7	71.3
Victim of bullying % 2023-2024	48.5	49.9	48.2
Victim of dating violence % 2022-2023	16.3	15.7	19.8
Sexually violated % 2022-2023	12.1	12.9	14.1

Adults and seniors

Crimes against persons Rate per 1,000 population 2019	11	14	16
Crimes against property Rate per 1,000 population 2019	18	23	33

Stress

Reasons for stress in adults

Time pressures or not having enough time % 2020	53.6	52.8	45.6
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Physical health problem or condition % 2020	32.4	30.6	27.6
Emotional or mental health problem or condition % 2020	21.8	22.1	27.1
Financial situation % 2020	28.6	33.3	36.7
Work situation % 2020	33.7	34.0	38.9
Caring for others - parents, family or friends % 2020	27.7	26.6	27.9
Other personal or family responsibilities % 2020	23.5	22.0	27.0
Health of family members % 2020	38.4	41.4	41.8

? Reasons for stress in seniors

Time pressures or not having enough time % 2020	14.0	15.8	14.1
Physical health problem or condition % 2020	25.6	24.3	24.9
Emotional or mental health problem or condition % 2020	11.4	11.5	12.1
Financial situation % 2020	16.5	16.3	14.9
Work situation % 2017	3.8	4.1	6.1
Caring for others - parents, family or friends % 2020	15.1	16.1	19.4
Other personal or family responsibilities % 2020	12.7	14.1	16.1
Health of family members % 2020	33.7	32.1	33.8

Education

👤 Children and youth

Approved child care spaces - infants (1 and under) Rate per 100 population aged 1 and under 2019	33	31	18
Approved child care spaces - preschool (2-4 years) Rate per 100 population aged 2 to 4 2019	72	74	60
Approved child care spaces - school-age (5-12 years) Rate per 100 population aged 5 to 12 2019	37	38	29

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Kindergarten school readiness % 2018-2019	69	70	85
Youth - school marks above average or excellent (80% or more) % 2018-2019	67.9	64.4	62.7
School dropout rate % 2018-2019	0.8	0.9	1.0
👤 Adults and seniors			
Difficulty understanding written information about a medical condition or prescription, always or usually % 2020	12.1	11.8	12.3
Highest level completed of education - less than high school % 2021	13	16	11
Highest level completed of education - high school or equivalent % 2021	29	30	29
Highest level completed of education - postsecondary certificate, diploma or degree % 2021	58	55	60

Employment

👤 Labour force

Participation rate % 2021	57	58	60
Employment rate % 2021	52	52	54

💼 Employment status

Employee % 2021	90	88	88
Self-employed % 2021	9	10	10
Work a full year, full time % 2021	56	53	53
Work part of the year and/or part time % 2021	44	47	47
Students with part-time jobs outside of school % 2018-2019	54.1	51.1	33.7
Absence days of full-time employees in a year due to illness and disability Days 2020	n/a	n/a	10

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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	14	14	11
Household income - \$25,000 to \$59,999 % 2021	35	34	31
Household income - \$60,000 and more % 2021	52	52	58
Median household income \$ 2021	62,000	62,800	70,000
Median household income per household habitant \$ per person 2021	29,524	29,905	30,435
Median lone-parent family income \$ 2021	31,400	31,000	35,600
Live in low-income household % 2021	16	16	14
Youth - live in low-income household (0-17 years) % 2021	14	14	16
...Children - live in low-income household (0-5 years) % 2021	19	15	18
Adults - live in low-income household % 2021	11	12	11
Seniors - live in low-income household % 2021	26	29	22
Family resilience to financial shock - debt to asset ratio % 2019	S	14	15

\$ Composition of total income

Families with children receiving social assistance or welfare benefits % 2020	3	3	5
Population receiving Employment Insurance % 2020	5	6	6
Composition of total income of the population in private households - market income (employment, investments, retirement, etc.) % 2021	76	74	78
Composition of total income of the population in private households - government transfer payments (pension, old age security, employment insurance, child benefits, etc.) % 2021	24	26	22

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🍴 Food security			
Children - eat at a breakfast or snack program at school % 2023-2024	48.8	47.8	51.6
Youth - report going to school or to bed hungry because there is not enough food at home, often or always % 2023-2024	7.7	9.1	7.0
Food insecurity - moderate to severe % 2015 to 2019	n/a	8	n/a
Seniors - food insecurity - moderate to severe % 2015 to 2019	n/a	5	n/a
🏠 Housing security			
Median monthly shelter costs - rented residence \$ 2021	657	659	870
Median monthly shelter costs - owned residence \$ 2021	854	843	935
Tenants in subsidized housing % 2021	16	16	13
Spending 30% or more of household total income on shelter costs % 2021	12	12	13
💰 Cost associated with health needs			
No insurance for prescription medications % 2020	17.9	21.2	15.6
Did not fill a prescription for medicine, or skipped doses because of the cost % 2020	6.5	7.0	5.8
🛒 Other purchasing practices			
Purchasing practices - alcohol sales \$ per person aged 19 and over 2019-2020	395	369	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	110	61	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