

POPULATION HEALTH

Social and economic factors



Zone 7
Miramichi Area



Province
New Brunswick

Family and Social Support

Family and friends

Parents - report eating dinner (evening meal) with their children % 2016-2017	49.9	55.7
Children - with mental fitness needs highly satisfied by family % 2025-2026	71.6	79.3
Children - with mental fitness needs highly satisfied by friends % 2025-2026	85.9	87.1
Youth - eat an evening meal together with family, friends or guardians % 2025-2026	43.9	49.3
Youth - enjoy my cultural and family traditions % 2023-2024	54.1	53.3
Youth - my parent or caregiver knows a lot about me % 2023-2024	52.0	51.0
Youth - my family stands by me during difficult times % 2023-2024	52.0	51.0
Youth - with mental fitness needs highly satisfied by family % 2025-2026	83.0	83.3
Youth - my friends stand by me during difficult times % 2023-2024	40.4	39.6
Youth - with mental fitness needs highly satisfied by friends % 2025-2026	82.1	84.4
Youth - have people I look up to % 2023-2024	48.2	46.0
Adults and seniors - lack companionship some of the time or often % 2020	37.1	36.6
Adults and seniors - feel left out some of the time or often % 2020	28.6	31.2
Adults and seniors - feel isolated some of the time or often % 2020	33.1	31.2
Adults and seniors - provide long-term care to someone % 2020	9.9	9.1

School and/or work

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Children - feel teachers treat me fairly % 2025-2026	57.4	63.0
Children - feel safe at school % 2025-2026	65.1	68.3
Children - feel connected to my school % 2025-2026	52.3	57.8
Children - with mental fitness needs highly satisfied by school % 2025-2026	54.9	65.4
Youth - participate in activities or groups organized by school % 2024-2025	66.6	61.1
Youth - feel teachers treat me fairly % 2025-2026	83.4	84.3
Youth - feel safe at school % 2025-2026	81.5	80.8
Youth - feel connected to my school % 2025-2026	88.8	89.8
Youth - with mental fitness needs highly satisfied by school % 2025-2026	57.9	62.2
Youth - have opportunities to develop skills that will be useful later in life (like job skills and skills to care for others) % 2023-2024	38.9	40.6

Community

Youth - volunteer outside school without being paid % 2024-2025	61.4	59.1
Youth - treated fairly in my community % 2023-2024	35.1	34.9
Youth - participate in activities or groups not organized by school % 2024-2025	66.9	64.6
Youth - know where to go in my community to get help % 2023-2024	26.6	27.1
Youth - sense of community belonging, somewhat strong or very strong Number 2025-2026	17.7	18.1
Have internet access at home % 2020	94.8	96.9
Adults % 2020	90.1	95.7
Seniors % 2020	88.7	85.7
Difficulties accessing a computer, tablet, or smartphone (when getting virtual care) % 2024	9.2	7.4
Adults % 2023	5.1	5.0
Seniors % 2023	18.5	15.8

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Community Safety

Children

Victim of bullying % 2025-2026	40.1	34.9
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Youth

It is safe for younger children to play outside during the day % 2025-2026	66.5	70.2
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Victim of bullying % 2025-2026	50.7	47.3
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Victim of dating violence % 2025-2026	15.1	12.3
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Sexually violated % 2025-2026	12.4	11.6
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Adults and seniors

Crimes against persons Rate per 1,000 population 2019	19	16
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Crimes against property Rate per 1,000 population 2019	38	33
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Stress

Reasons for stress in adults

Time pressures or not having enough time % 2020	40.0	45.6
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Physical health problem or condition % 2020	26.4	27.6
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Emotional or mental health problem or condition % 2020	23.7	27.1
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Financial situation % 2020	33.0	36.7
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Work situation % 2020	36.0	38.9
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Caring for others - parents, family or friends % 2020	28.7	27.9
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Other personal or family responsibilities % 2020	23.6	27.0
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Health of family members % 2020	41.3	41.8
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Reasons for stress in seniors

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Time pressures or not having enough time % 2020	14.8	14.1
Physical health problem or condition % 2020	20.9	24.9
Emotional or mental health problem or condition % 2020	12.7	12.1
Financial situation % 2020	16.1	14.9
Work situation % 2020	4.7	5.1
Caring for others - parents, family or friends % 2020	15.7	19.4
Other personal or family responsibilities % 2020	15.7	16.1
Health of family members % 2020	32.7	33.8

Education

Children and youth

Approved child care spaces - infants (1 and under) Rate per 100 population aged 1 and under 2019	18	18
Approved child care spaces - preschool (2-4 years) Rate per 100 population aged 2 to 4 2019	44	60
Approved child care spaces - school-age (5-12 years) Rate per 100 population aged 5 to 12 2019	17	29
Kindergarten school readiness % 2018-2019	86	85
Youth - school marks above average or excellent (80% or more) % 2018-2019	56.1	62.7
School dropout rate % 2018-2019	1.9	1.0

Adults and seniors

Difficulty understanding written information about a medical condition or prescription, always or usually % 2020	13.1	12.3
Highest level completed of education - less than high school % 2021	15	11
Highest level completed of education - high school or equivalent % 2021	31	29
Highest level completed of education - postsecondary certificate, diploma or degree % 2021	54	60

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Employment

Labour force

Participation rate % 2021	55	60
Employment rate % 2021	46	54

Employment status

Employee % 2021	89	88
Self-employed % 2021	8	10
Work a full year, full time % 2021	47	53
Work part of the year and/or part time % 2021	53	47
Students with part-time jobs outside of school % 2018-2019	31.2	33.7
Absence days of full-time employees in a year due to illness and disability Days 2020	n/a	10
Absence days of full-time employees in a year due to personal or family responsibilities Days 2020	n/a	1.6

Income

Household income

Household income - less than \$25,000 % 2021	13	11
Household income - \$25,000 to \$59,999 % 2021	34	31
Household income - \$60,000 and more % 2021	54	58
Median household income \$ 2021	64,500	70,000
Median household income per household habitant \$ per person 2021	29,318	30,435
Median lone-parent family income \$ 2021	32,400	35,600
Live in low-income household % 2021	16	14
Youth - live in low-income household (0-17 years) % 2021	17	16

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...Children - live in low-income household (0-5 years) % 2021	22	18
Adults - live in low-income household % 2021	12	11
Seniors - live in low-income household % 2021	27	22
Family resilience to financial shock - debt to asset ratio % 2019	S	15
\$ Composition of total income		
Families with children receiving social assistance or welfare benefits % 2020	4	5
Population receiving Employment Insurance % 2020	10	6
Composition of total income of the population in private households -market income (employment, investments, retirement, etc.) % 2021	71	78
Composition of total income of the population in private households - government transfer payments (pension, old age security, employment insurance, child benefits, etc.) % 2021	29	22
🍴 Food security		
Children - eat at a breakfast or snack program at school % 2025-2026	68.7	61.8
Youth - report going to school or to bed hungry because there is not enough food at home, often or always % 2025-2026	4.7	5.2
Food insecurity - moderate to severe % 2015 to 2019	10	n/a
Seniors - food insecurity - moderate to severe % 2015 to 2019	5	n/a
🏠 Housing security		
Median monthly shelter costs - rented residence \$ 2021	764	870
Median monthly shelter costs - owned residence \$ 2021	764	935
Tenants in subsidized housing % 2021	18	13
Spending 30% or more of household total income on shelter costs % 2021	10	13
\$ Cost associated with health needs		
No insurance for prescription medications % 2020	18.9	15.6
Did not fill a prescription for medicine, or skipped doses because of the cost % 2024	11.0	9.2

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📄 Other purchasing practices

Purchasing practices - alcohol sales \$ per person aged 19 and over 2019-2020	474	480
Purchasing practices - lottery sales \$ per person aged 19 and over 2019-2020	n/a	526
Purchasing practices - cannabis sales \$ per person aged 19 and over 2019-2020	69	70
Average debt owed at graduation - college graduate \$ 2015	n/a	15,100
Average debt owed at graduation - university degree graduate \$ 2015	n/a	40,000
College graduates with large debt at graduation of \$25,000 and over % 2015	n/a	17
University degree graduates with large debt at graduation of \$25,000 and over % 2015	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