

STUDENT WELLNESS AND EDUCATION SURVEY
Grades 6-12: Physical Health



General health

Perceived health, very good or excellent % 2021-2022	55.9	50.5	54.5
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Weights

Overweight and obesity in childhood and adolescence have been associated with elevated health risks and morbidities, and increased mortality rates in adulthood. They are risk factors for a large number of serious diseases and conditions like high blood pressure, heart disease, diabetes, stroke, some cancers, and mental health problems.

Overweight or obese % 2021-2022	34.5	26.9	28.3
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Physical activity, leisure screen time, and sleep

Physical activity

Daily physical activity, 1 hour or more % 2021-2022	28.2	22.4	22.2
Participates in before lunch, noon hour, or after school physical activity organized by school % 2022-2023	n/a	41.3	42.0

School commute

Commutes actively % 2018-2019	10.9	7.6	7.0
Commutes inactively % 2018-2019	55.1	75.3	77.9
Mixed (actively and inactively) % 2018-2019	34.0	17.1	15.1

Leisure screen time

Has 2 hours or less of leisure screen time per day %	n/a	n/a	n/a
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	Community Grand Bay- Westfield, Westfield, Greenwich Area	Zone 2 Fundy Shore and Saint John Area	Province New Brunswick
Average hours and minutes of leisure screen time per day Number	n/a	n/a	n/a
Spends 3 hours or more playing games on an electronic device, weekdays % 2022-2023	n/a	25.0	25.1

Sleep

Sleeps 8 hours or more, weekdays %	n/a	n/a	n/a
Average hours and minutes of sleep per night Number	n/a	n/a	n/a
Uses an electronic device before bed % 2021-2022	82.5	89.9	89.4
Uses it 1 to 3 nights a week % 2021-2022	15.2	12.8	13.1
Uses it every night % 2021-2022	52.9	65.6	65.2
Has trouble going to sleep % 2021-2022	72.5	65.7	65.1

Healthy eating

Canada's Food Guide recommends eating a variety of healthy foods each day, including plenty of vegetables and fruits, and to limit highly processed foods. It also recommends to eat without distractions.

Type of food and drinks

Eats vegetables or fruits 5 times or more per day % 2021-2022	51.6	45.2	45.9
Eats highly processed foods 1 time or none per day % 2021-2022	26.2	34.0	36.7
Drinks sugary drinks % 2021-2022	74.0	71.7	68.8
Drinks high energy drinks % 2021-2022	13.9	17.9	16.0

Eating habits

Did not eat a meal from a fast food restaurant, last 7 days % 2021-2022	38.1	32.0	33.0
Ate a meal from a fast food restaurant 3 times or more, last 7 days % 2021-2022	9.2	12.4	12.7
Did not eat while using an electronic device, last 7 days % 2021-2022	35.4	23.3	26.7

	Community Grand Bay- Westfield, Westfield, Greenwich Area	Zone 2 Fundy Shore and Saint John Area	Province New Brunswick
Ate 7 times or more while using an electronic device, last 7 days % 2021-2022	14.2	20.3	19.5
Eats the evening meal with family/guardian(s) or friends, daily % 2021-2022	47.2	39.8	44.5
Eats the evening meal with family/guardian(s) or friends, most days % 2021-2022	66.1	56.0	60.3
Eats breakfast, daily % 2021-2022	45.0	33.2	36.2
Eats breakfast, most days % 2021-2022	57.7	44.8	48.2
Barriers to daily breakfast			
No time % 2021-2022	16.0	27.1	24.8
Not hungry % 2021-2022	27.7	34.0	34.8
Feels sick after breakfast % 2021-2022	13.2	19.6	17.2
Tries to lose weight % 2021-2022	9.8	10.1	10.0
Has nothing to eat at home % 2021-2022	3.4	4.2	3.6
Safety			
Driver of an off-road vehicle - under the influence of alcohol or drugs, last 12 months % 2022-2023	n/a	10.5	11.5
Passenger in an on-road vehicle - driven by someone under the influence of alcohol or drugs, last 12 months % 2015-2016	4.0	13.7	16.9
Sexual violence			
Has been sexually violated % 2018-2019	4.4	10.4	10.4
Victim of dating violence, last 12 months (among those who dated) % 2018-2019	16.0	19.5	16.6
Knows when legally able to consent to sexual activity % 2018-2019	49.2	70.9	71.2

About this Table

Content and description

This table presents data collected from students in grades 6 to 12 through the New Brunswick Student Wellness and Education Survey (SWES). It contains self-reported information regarding the social and emotional development of New Brunswick students in grades 6 to 12. Topics include general health, physical activity, screen time, sleep, healthy eating, safety, and sexual violence.

The questionnaire comprises modules, which means that certain questions are asked every other cycle.

Why it is important

Only when we understand who our students are and what their needs are can we better plan for services and allocate resources to meet their health and educational needs.

Availability of the data

The information in this data table is available by school district, school sector and overall New Brunswick, by the seven (7) New Brunswick health zones and 33 communities created by the NBHC, as well as by demographic groups. More information is available on our [New Brunswick Student Wellness and Education Survey](#) page.

Note about demographic groups:

In 2023, the NBHC undertook a review of the demographic questions in its surveys to more accurately report on the experience of citizens who identify with particular groups. As such, starting in 2024, all demographic groups (characteristics) have been adjusted to reflect this change. Data tables and indicator pages were adjusted to allow for trending where applicable.

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