

STUDENT WELLNESS AND EDUCATION SURVEY

Grades 6-12: Physical Health



General health

Perceived health, very good or excellent % 2025-2026	59.1	51.0
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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 % 2025-2026	26.7	26.9
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Physical activity, leisure screen time, and sleep

Physical activity

Daily physical activity, 1 hour or more % 2025-2026	22.9	24.3
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School commute

Commutes actively % 2025-2026	6.6	9.5
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Commutes inactively % 2025-2026	81.9	77.3
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Mixed (actively and inactively) % 2025-2026	11.5	13.2
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Leisure screen time

Has 2 hours or less of leisure screen time per day % 2025-2026	12.0	11.3
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Average hours and minutes of leisure screen time per day Number 2025-2026	4.7	4.8
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Spends 3 hours or more playing games on an electronic device, weekdays % 2025-2026	26.4	24.6
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Zone 6
Bathurst and
Acadian
Peninsula Area

Province
New Brunswick

Sleep

Sleeps 8 hours or more, weekdays % 2025-2026	71.3	62.9
Average hours and minutes of sleep per night, weekdays Number 2025-2026	9.2	8.8
Uses an electronic device before bed % 2025-2026	89.3	87.0
Uses it 1 to 3 nights a week % 2025-2026	11.7	14.4
Uses it every night % 2025-2026	67.6	61.1
Has trouble going to sleep % 2025-2026	51.8	53.7

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

Eats vegetables or fruits 5 times or more per day % 2025-2026	55.5	57.3
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Eating habits

Eats the evening meal with family/guardian(s) or friends, daily % 2025-2026	57.8	49.3
Eats the evening meal with family/guardian(s) or friends, most days % 2025-2026	70.7	64.2
Eats breakfast, daily % 2025-2026	41.6	36.6
Eats breakfast, most days % 2025-2026	54.9	50.0

Sexual violence

Has been sexually violated % 2025-2026	12.6	11.6
Victim of dating violence, last 12 months (among those who dated) % 2025-2026	10.8	12.3

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, leisure screen time, sleep, healthy eating, and sexual violence.

The questionnaire previously comprised modules, which means that certain questions were 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