

STUDENT WELLNESS AND EDUCATION SURVEY

Grades 6-12: School and Community



Community
Perth-Andover,
Plaster Rock,
Tobique Area



Zone 3
Fredericton and
River Valley Area



Province
New Brunswick

School engagement

School connectedness

A sense of school connectedness can support students in making healthy choices. Below are students reporting “Strongly agree” or “Agree.”

High level of school connectedness % 2023-2024	78.7	84.8	86.6
I feel close to people at my school % 2023-2024	63.4	73.2	74.7
I feel I am part of my school % 2023-2024	60.0	69.9	72.3
I am happy to be at my school % 2023-2024	45.5	61.5	67.3
I feel the teachers at my school treat me fairly % 2023-2024	71.9	80.0	80.8
I feel safe in my school % 2023-2024	64.6	71.6	75.0

Activities inside school

Participates in activities or groups inside school % 2023-2024	63.8	64.0	62.1
Sports team % 2023-2024	47.2	40.6	38.8
Individual sport % 2023-2024	10.0	13.0	11.7
Arts group % 2023-2024	5.5	12.2	12.4
STEM - science, technology, engineering, and mathematics % 2023-2024	3.5	5.6	4.8
Religious / spiritual group % 2023-2024	4.5	6.4	5.0
Student club or group % 2023-2024	11.0	11.6	10.1

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Other activity or group % 2023-2024	10.5	12.9	13.0

Learning

Learning needs are met at school, agree or strongly agree % 2023-2024	74.1	78.0	80.4
Reads for fun every day % 2022-2023	44.0	54.4	52.2

Student values

Students reporting “Very important” or “Important”

Getting good grades % 2023-2024	90.6	91.2	91.9
Making friends % 2023-2024	70.0	81.3	82.2
Getting to class on time % 2023-2024	73.9	79.4	82.4
Learning new things % 2023-2024	86.7	90.1	90.3
Expressing their opinion in class % 2023-2024	53.8	58.5	59.4
Getting involved in student groups % 2023-2024	41.8	40.7	41.3
Learning about their culture/heritage % 2023-2024	68.0	67.1	66.4

Community engagement

Sense of community belonging

Students reporting “Strongly agree” or “Agree”

Average score of community belonging (scale from 5-25) Number 2023-2024	16.1	18.0	18.1
People say ‘hello’ and stop to talk to each other % 2023-2024	46.2	53.5	53.7
It is safe for children to play outside % 2023-2024	52.8	71.6	71.3
You can trust people around here % 2023-2024	28.3	52.3	53.2
There are good places to spend your free time % 2023-2024	42.3	59.5	60.5
I could ask for help from neighbours % 2023-2024	54.8	65.8	65.6

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Most people here would try to take advantage of you % 2023-2024	34.5	23.8	25.5
Activities outside school			
Participates in activities or groups outside school % 2023-2024	64.0	66.0	64.8
Sports team % 2023-2024	41.1	40.0	39.2
Individual sport % 2023-2024	16.2	19.1	17.3
Arts group % 2023-2024	6.9	11.4	11.7
STEM - science, technology, engineering, and mathematics % 2023-2024	2.2	3.5	3.0
Religious / spiritual group % 2023-2024	8.7	11.6	9.8
Community group % 2023-2024	2.3	4.4	4.0
Other activity or group % 2023-2024	12.3	10.8	10.9
Volunteering			
Participates in volunteer activities, last 12 months % 2023-2024	59.1	63.7	62.0
Supporting a cause % 2023-2024	23.2	23.2	21.8
Fundraising for charity % 2023-2024	21.6	22.3	21.4
Helping in my community % 2023-2024	31.2	31.1	28.4
Helping neighbours or relatives % 2023-2024	49.1	47.9	45.8
Another organized volunteer activity % 2023-2024	26.2	27.7	28.3

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 demographic characteristics, social and emotional development, healthy lifestyles, and school.

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