

STUDENT WELLNESS AND EDUCATION SURVEY

# Grades 6-12: School and Community



**Community**  
Dalhousie,  
Balmoral,  
Belledune Area



**Zone 5**  
Restigouche Area



**Province**  
New Brunswick

## School connectedness

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

High level of school connectedness %   2025-2026	87.9	88.2	89.8
I feel close to people at my school. %   2025-2026	75.4	75.2	78.8
I feel I am part of my school. %   2025-2026	76.1	75.7	77.2
I am happy to be at my school. %   2025-2026	61.8	64.9	69.0
I feel the teachers at my school treat me fairly. %   2025-2026	83.1	81.6	84.3
I feel safe in my school. %   2025-2026	78.3	79.6	80.8

## Sense of community belonging

Below the average score are students reporting “Strongly agree” or “Agree” with the scale items.

Average score of community belonging (scale from 5-25) Number   2025-2026	17.8	17.4	18.1
People say ‘hello’ and stop to talk to each other. %   2025-2026	49.8	46.2	51.6
It is safe for children to play outside. %   2025-2026	67.3	62.1	70.2
You can trust people around here. %   2025-2026	46.5	42.8	54.4
There are good places to spend your free time. %   2025-2026	59.0	57.7	62.3
I could ask for help from neighbours. %   2025-2026	65.3	61.3	64.6

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Most people here would try to take advantage of you. % |  
2025-2026

**24.4**

**26.0**

**22.4**

## 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 school connectedness and sense of community belonging.

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.

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### 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