

STUDENT WELLNESS AND EDUCATION SURVEY

**Grades 4-5: Wellness**



**Community**  
Sussex, Norton,  
Sussex Corner  
Area



**Zone 2**  
Fundy Shore and  
Saint John Area



**Province**  
New Brunswick

**Demographics**

**Context**

Percentage of eligible public schools that participated at the provincial level %   2022-2023	n/a	n/a	<b>98.0</b>
Number of students who participated Number   2023-2024	<b>395</b>	<b>3,620</b>	<b>14,993</b>
Percentage of students who participated %   2022-2023	<b>88.9</b>	<b>92.5</b>	<b>86.3</b>

**Gender identity**

Gender identity refers to the gender that a person feels internally and individually.

Identifies as a boy %   2023-2024	<b>48.0</b>	<b>49.6</b>	<b>50.3</b>
Identifies as a girl %   2023-2024	<b>51.8</b>	<b>50.2</b>	<b>49.4</b>

**Indigenous identity**

Self-identifies as Indigenous %   2023-2024	<b>4.5</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>6.8</b>
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**Immigrant**

Immigrant %   2023-2024	<b>3.9</b>	<b>14.4</b>	<b>15.7</b>
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**Social and Emotional Development**

**Levels of mental fitness**

Mental fitness encompasses the psychological needs for competence, autonomy, and relatedness

	Community Sussex, Norton, Sussex Corner Area	Zone 2 Fundy Shore and Saint John Area	Province New Brunswick
High level of mental fitness %   2023-2024	16.3	18.7	19.8
Moderate level of mental fitness %   2023-2024	67.0	63.8	63.6
Low level of mental fitness %   2023-2024	16.8	17.5	16.6

### Mental fitness needs

Need for autonomy highly satisfied %   2023-2024	43.1	48.7	49.4
Need for competence highly satisfied %   2023-2024	82.8	80.3	81.0
Need for relatedness highly satisfied %   2023-2024	91.9	90.9	91.6

### Life domains of mental fitness

Students reporting "A lot like me."

Needs highly satisfied by family %   2023-2024	77.6	75.3	77.2
I have a choice about when and how to do my household chores %   2023-2024	27.4	29.7	31.5
I feel I do things well at home %   2023-2024	53.4	54.8	55.3
I like to spend time with my parents %   2023-2024	81.7	79.7	81.5
Needs highly satisfied by friends %   2023-2024	88.4	88.0	87.8
I feel I do things well when I am with my friends %   2023-2024	65.1	64.8	65.0
I have a choice about which activities to do with my friends %   2023-2024	44.9	47.2	44.4
I like to spend time with my friends %   2023-2024	89.1	89.9	89.8
Needs highly satisfied by school %   2023-2024	65.0	61.6	64.6
I have a choice about when and how to do my schoolwork %   2023-2024	25.3	29.8	30.8
I feel I do things well at school %   2023-2024	52.7	52.6	53.6
I like to spend time with my teachers %   2023-2024	46.1	43.2	47.6

### Pro-social behaviours

Pro-social behaviours are actions intended to benefit others. Below are students reporting "A lot like me".

	Community Sussex, Norton, Sussex Corner Area	Zone 2 Fundy Shore and Saint John Area	Province New Brunswick
High level of pro-social behaviour %   2022-2023	32.2	34.6	35.4
I do favours for people %   2022-2023	29.6	32.3	35.7
I lend things to people %   2022-2023	26.9	29.8	30.5
I help people %   2022-2023	50.5	53.8	53.7
I compliment people %   2022-2023	49.0	48.5	48.1
I share things with people %   2022-2023	38.0	42.4	42.3

### Oppositional behaviours

Oppositional behaviours are disruptive actions that can be a nuisance to the individual or to others. Below are students reporting "A lot like me".

High level of oppositional behaviour %   2022-2023	12.9	14.4	19.0
I make other people do what I want %   2019-2020	1.1	n/a	n/a
I disobey my parents %   2022-2023	2.8	3.0	4.0
I talk back to my teachers %   2022-2023	2.0	2.6	3.9
I get into fights %   2022-2023	5.9	6.3	7.0
I often say mean things to people to get what I want %   2019-2020	4.1	n/a	n/a
I take things that are not mine %   2022-2023	2.0	1.5	1.8

### Bullying

A student is being bullied when another student, or a group of students, say or do unpleasant things to them. It is also bullying when a student is teased repeatedly in a way they do not like or when they are deliberately left out of things.

Victim of bullying this year %   2023-2024	29.2	30.9	35.0
I feel I can tell adults at the school about bullying problems %   2023-2024	83.4	81.5	79.4

## Healthy Lifestyles

### Movement and rest

Daily physical activity, 1 hour %   2023-2024	25.8	23.7	21.9
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Commutes actively %   2023-2024	10.1	15.6	12.5
Physically active at school most days, 1 hour or more %   2023-2024	55.8	62.9	60.8
Physically active outside school most days, 1 hour or more %   2023-2024	58.8	62.4	60.9
Has 2 hours or less of screen time, most days %   2023-2024	25.5	25.5	25.8
Has more than 2 hours of screen time, most days %   2023-2024	74.5	74.5	74.2
Spends 3 hours or more playing video games, most days %   2023-2024	17.5	18.8	18.4

### Healthy eating

Canada's Food Guide recommends eating a variety of healthy foods each day, including plenty of vegetables and fruits.

Eats vegetables or fruits 5 or more times per day %   2023-2024	55.4	57.1	56.5
Drinks sugary drinks %   2023-2024	77.6	70.0	67.2
Eats non nutritious foods %   2023-2024	92.6	89.8	86.0
Drinks milk 2 times or more per day %   2023-2024	48.7	47.4	48.1
Eats breakfast, daily %   2023-2024	43.8	49.5	50.5
Eats breakfast, most days %   2023-2024	59.9	64.6	65.8
Eats at a breakfast or snack program at school %   2023-2024	52.3	47.1	51.6

### Second-hand smoke

Smoking allowed inside home %   2023-2024	14.5	12.9	10.8
Smoking allowed inside family vehicle %   2023-2024	17.3	13.0	12.2

### Modeling

Lives with someone who smokes %   2023-2024	44.7	33.9	31.6
Parent or guardian is physically active %   2023-2024	84.7	86.4	86.3
Parent or guardian eats healthy food %   2023-2024	98.0	97.0	96.9

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## School

### School connectedness

A sense of school connectedness can support students in making healthy choices. Below are students reporting “A lot like me”.

	Community	Zone 2	Province
High level of school connectedness %   2022-2023	62.8	62.3	60.3
I feel close to people at my school %   2022-2023	44.8	45.8	44.9
I feel I am part of my school %   2022-2023	54.0	57.5	58.8
I am happy to be at my school %   2022-2023	67.1	65.8	63.3
I feel the teachers at my school treat me fairly %   2022-2023	73.0	70.9	68.0
I feel safe in my school %   2022-2023	70.8	71.9	69.6

### Learning

Engages in leisure reading %   2023-2024	77.7	79.1	78.3
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## About this Table

### Content and description

This table presents data collected from students in grades 4 and 5 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