

STUDENT WELLNESS AND EDUCATION SURVEY

Grades 6-12: Key Indicators


Community

 Oromocto,
Gagetown,
Fredericton
Junction Area

Zone 3

 Fredericton and
River Valley Area

Province

New Brunswick

General health

Perceived health, very good or excellent % 2025-2026	44.2	48.5	51.0
Overweight or obese % 2025-2026	31.7	28.1	26.9

Mental health

Perceived mental health, very good or excellent % 2025-2026	34.2	39.2	42.0
Symptoms of anxiety or depression, last 12 months % 2025-2026	54.0	48.6	46.4
Life satisfaction (scale from 0-10) Number 2025-2026	7.0	7.3	7.4
High level of mental fitness % 2025-2026	18.6	24.7	28.0
Average resilience score (scale from 17 to 51) Number 2025-2026	44.3	45.1	45.2

School and community

Victim of bullying, last 2 months % 2025-2026	53.6	48.9	47.3
High level of school connectedness % 2025-2026	86.1	88.6	89.8
Average score of community belonging (scale from 5-25) Number 2025-2026	17.5	18.0	18.1

Physical activity, leisure screen time, and sleep

	Community Oromocto, Gagetown, Fredericton Junction Area	Zone 3 Fredericton and River Valley Area	Province New Brunswick
Daily physical activity, 1 hour or more % 2025-2026	25.5	25.9	24.3
Has 2 hours or less of leisure screen time per day % 2025-2026	8.1	10.9	11.3
Sleeps 8 hours or more, weekdays % 2025-2026	56.9	59.4	62.9

Healthy eating

Eats vegetables or fruits 5 times or more per day % 2025-2026	54.0	56.6	57.3
Eats breakfast, daily % 2025-2026	28.4	32.6	36.6

Substance use

Daily smoker % 2025-2026	2.6	2.4	2.2
Daily vaper % 2025-2026	7.0	5.8	5.8
Heavy drinking, last 12 months % 2025-2026	8.6	7.9	8.3
Daily cannabis user, last 12 months % 2025-2026	4.5	3.6	3.2

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 general health, mental health, experiences at school and in the community, physical activity, leisure screen time, sleep, healthy eating, as well as substance use.

The questionnaire previously comprised modules, which means that certain questions were asked every other cycle.

Why it is important

The results from the Student Wellness and Education Survey allows the NBHC to inform citizens, schools, districts, and decision-makers about the wellness and education of students in our province. This information can be used to make future improvements to student's wellness and education in the province.

Availability of the data

The information in this data table is available by school district, school sector, overall New Brunswick, 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 Student Wellness and Education Survey page.

Note about 2021-2022 data

The methodology of the 2021-2022 edition of the SWES was significantly changed. This was the first cycle to adopt online data collection, and a shorter data collection period. Also, the survey questionnaire was thoroughly revised for this cycle. Many questions were removed or amended. As such, some indicators are no longer comparable to previous years. As such, caution always needs to be exercised when attempting to compare the results of the survey with results from prior survey cycles outside of what is displayed in this Data Table.

The 2021-2022 edition of the SWES was conducted during the COVID-19 pandemic. Some schools may have had lower participation from their students than previous years. Some students may have participated to the survey during periods of remote learning.


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