

New Brunswick Social Indicators

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	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Median total income (2021 constant dollars)											
Economic families (a group of two persons or more)	80,600	83,500	84,300	82,600	86,200	87,400	86,800	93,400	92,700		
% Change	5.1	3.6	1.0	-2.0	4.4	1.4	-0.7	7.6	-0.7		
Female lone-parent families	35,000	37,300	44,000	48,000	43,700	50,500	53,600	61,100	49,900		
% Change	-5.4	6.6	18.0	9.1	-9.0	15.6	6.1	14.0	-18.3		
Persons not in an economic family	30,800	32,600	28,900	29,700	32,000	29,600	33,000	33,500	36,100		
% Change	5.1	5.8	-11.3	2.8	7.7	-7.5	11.5	1.5	7.8		
Median after-tax income (2021 constant dollars)											
Economic families (a group of two persons or more)	71,200	73,500	74,400	72,500	74,900	75,900	75,600	81,200	81,500		
% Change	2.6	3.2	1.2	-2.6	3.3	1.3	-0.4	7.4	0.4		
Female lone-parent families	35,000	37,300	43,800	46,800	42,400	50,200	49,400	58,200	49,200		
% Change	-5.4	6.6	17.4	6.8	-9.4	18.4	-1.6	17.8	-15.5		
Persons not in an economic family	28,900	29,100	27,100	27,700	29,600	28,000	29,900	31,200	32,400		
% Change	7.0	0.7	-6.9	2.2	6.9	-5.4	6.8	4.3	3.8		
Labour market											
Employment (x 1,000)	357.6	357.6	354.8	357.6	360.1	361.4	363.6	352.4	363.5	373.5	386.5
% Change	0.7	0.0	-0.8	0.8	0.7	0.4	0.6	-3.1	3.1	2.8	3.5
Unemployment (x 1,000)	41.7	40.0	39.6	38.6	32.7	32.0	32.3	40.6	36.8	29.0	27.1
% Change	0.7	-4.1	-1.0	-2.5	-15.3	-2.1	0.9	25.7	-9.4	-21.2	-6.6
Unemployment rate (%)	10.4	10.1	10.0	9.7	8.3	8.1	8.2	10.3	9.2	7.2	6.6
Participation rate (%)	63.9	63.5	62.9	62.9	62.0	61.8	61.6	60.8	61.5	60.6	60.5
Employment rate (%)	57.2	57.1	56.6	56.8	56.9	56.7	56.6	54.5	55.9	56.2	56.6
Average hourly wage rate (\$)	21.10	21.43	21.75	22.49	22.76	23.27	23.72	24.90	25.55	27.39	28.74
Employees with minimum wage or less (%)	7.6	6.4	5.6	6.4	7.2	6.7	6.4	4.8	5.0	5.7	
Pensions											
Registered pension plan (RPP) members	137,388	130,979	130,518	129,524	130,123	136,522	138,785	140,920	141,630	145,922	
% Change	-0.8	-4.7	-0.4	-0.8	0.5	4.9	1.7	1.5	0.5	3.0	
Public sector registered pension plans	77,367	72,635	73,648	73,308	74,948	81,444	83,381	85,784	87,001	91,320	
% Change	-0.6	-6.1	1.4	-0.5	2.2	8.7	2.4	2.9	1.4	5.0	
Private sector registered pension plans	60,021	58,344	56,870	56,216	55,175	55,078	55,404	55,136	54,629	54,602	
% Change	-1.0	-2.8	-2.5	-1.1	-1.9	-0.2	0.6	-0.5	-0.9	0.0	
Number of taxfilers	577,530	582,480	585,700	587,210	592,530	601,210	591,590	601,940	610,400		
Total RRSP contributors	97,830	96,870	96,720	95,660	93,860	92,950	92,130	94,340	96,900		
% of taxfilers with RRSP contributions	16.9	16.6	16.5	16.3	15.8	15.5	15.6	15.7	15.9		
Low income: Low income cut-offs after tax, 1992 base											
Number of persons in low income (x 1,000)											
All persons	49	50	55	40	46	41	37	29	27		
Persons under 18 years	12	10	7	7	8	5	F	F	F		
Persons 18 to 64 years	36	38	45	31	36	34	28	23	20		
Persons 65 years and over	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	4	F		
By economic family type											
Persons in economic families	28	33	25	14	24	15	18	11	10		
Persons in female lone-parent families	13	F	7	F	8	F	F	F	F		
Persons not in economic families	21	17	29	26	22	26	19	18	17		
F Too unreliable to be published											
Percentage of persons in low income (%)											
All persons	6.7	6.8	7.4	5.3	6.2	5.5	4.9	3.8	3.5		
Persons under 18 years	9.2	7.6	5.5	5.0	6.1	3.8	5.6	1.9	2.9		
Persons 18 to 64 years	7.5	8.1	9.6	6.7	7.8	7.4	6.1	5.0	4.5		
Persons 65 years and over	F	F	1.9	1.4	1.3	1.2	F	2.2	1.4		
By economic family type											
Persons in economic families	4.6	5.3	4.1	2.2	3.9	2.4	2.9	1.7	1.6		
Persons in female lone-parent families	40.2	F	22.9	14.5	19.5	F	F	F	F		
Persons not in economic families	18.2	14.9	24.6	21.0	17.5	20.5	14.4	13.8	12.2		

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Low income: Market basket measure, 2018 base											
Number of persons in low income (x 1,000)											
All persons	..	..	119	103	94	81	75	58	51		
Persons under 18 years	..	..	26	22	21	16	17	8	10		
Persons 18 to 64 years	..	..	77	66	64	56	48	41	32		
Persons 65 years and over	..	..	16	14	10	9	10	9	10		
By economic family type											
Persons in economic families	..	..	75	59	58	42	42	28	23		
Persons in female lone-parent families	..	..	14	15	19	14	11	F	10		
Persons not in economic families	..	..	44	43	36	39	33	30	28		
Percentage of persons in low income (%)											
All persons	..	..	16.2	13.9	12.6	10.8	9.9	7.6	6.7		
Persons under 18 years	..	..	19.9	16.4	15.5	11.9	12.4	6.1	7.2		
Persons 18 to 64 years	..	..	16.6	14.3	13.8	12.2	10.5	9.0	7.0		
Persons 65 years and over	..	..	11.2	10.0	6.6	5.9	6.1	5.1	5.6		
By economic family type											
Persons in economic families	..	..	12.2	9.6	9.3	6.7	6.6	4.4	3.7		
Persons in female lone-parent families	..	..	43.8	39.9	48.1	35.1	29.3	F	28.5		
Persons not in economic families	..	..	36.7	35.3	28.8	30.5	25.4	22.6	20.7		
Low income: Low income measure after tax											
Number of persons in low income (x 1,000)											
All persons	107	118	126	111	115	107	116	99	91		
Persons under 18 years	21	27	24	23	21	19	24	13	14		
Persons 18 to 64 years	61	62	73	55	64	57	58	52	38		
Persons 65 years and over	25	29	28	32	30	30	33	34	39		
By economic family type											
Persons in economic families	70	82	79	67	73	61	72	56	49		
Persons in female lone-parent families	16	13	13	14	17	14	14	11	12		
Persons not in economic families	37	36	47	44	42	45	44	43	43		
Percentage of persons in low income (%)											
All persons	14.5	16.0	17.1	15.0	15.5	14.2	15.3	13.1	11.9		
Persons under 18 years	15.9	20.2	18.2	17.4	16.1	14.2	18.1	9.9	10.0		
Persons 18 to 64 years	12.9	13.2	15.7	12.0	13.9	12.4	12.7	11.3	8.4		
Persons 65 years and over	19.3	21.8	20.5	22.3	20.0	19.6	20.7	20.5	22.7		
By economic family type											
Persons in economic families	11.3	13.2	12.8	10.9	11.8	9.9	11.5	9.0	7.7		
Persons in female lone-parent families	48.0	50.2	41.3	35.8	43.9	36.7	36.6	27.2	34.3		
Persons not in economic families	32.6	31.0	39.1	35.5	33.5	35.1	33.5	32.1	31.2		
Consumer Price Index (2002=100)											
All-items	123.0	124.8	125.4	128.2	131.2	134.0	136.3	136.6	141.8	152.1	157.5
% Change	0.8	1.5	0.5	2.2	2.3	2.1	1.7	0.2	3.8	7.3	3.6
Average expenditure per household (\$)											
Total expenditures	65,023	68,650	67,326	67,933	70,581	..	76,753	..	76,577		
Food expenditures	6,812	7,683	8,011	7,454	7,922	..	9,484	..	9,942		
Shelter	11,705	12,311	12,171	12,686	12,671	..	13,696	..	14,685		
Transportation	11,758	12,375	10,607	10,417	12,066	..	12,587	..	9,625		
Recreation	3,390	3,236	3,733	3,563	3,292	..	4,017	..	4,081		
Per Cent Distribution (%)											
Food expenditures	10.5	11.2	11.9	11.0	11.2		12.4		13.0		
Shelter	18.0	17.9	18.1	18.7	18.0		17.8		19.2		
Transportation	18.1	18.0	15.8	15.3	17.1		16.4		12.6		
Recreation	5.2	4.7	5.5	5.2	4.7		5.2		5.3		

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Economic Dependency Ratio (EDR) - Government transfers received compared to every \$100 of employment income for an area											
Both sexes											
Total government transfers	25.00	25.00	26.70	27.90	28.80	28.80	28.40	38.60	33.30		
Employment Insurance	5.30	5.10	5.40	5.70	5.60	5.30	5.10	5.70	8.50		
OAS / GIS / SPA	7.30	7.50	7.80	8.10	8.30	8.40	8.50	9.40	8.80		
CPP / QPP	7.70	7.80	8.10	8.40	8.50	8.40	8.50	9.00	8.60		
Federal Child Benefits	1.90	1.80	2.40	2.70	3.00	2.90	2.90	3.20	2.80		
GST / HST Credits	0.60	0.60	0.60	0.60	0.60	0.60	0.60	1.20	0.50		
Social Assistance	1.20	1.20	1.20	1.20	1.20	1.10	1.00	0.90	0.80		
Other*	0.90	0.90	1.10	1.20	1.70	2.20	1.80	9.00	3.30		
Males											
Total government transfers	19.50	19.50	21.00	22.10	22.30	22.40	22.10	30.30	25.90		
Employment Insurance	5.30	5.10	5.50	5.90	5.60	5.30	5.20	5.70	7.60		
OAS / GIS / SPA	5.20	5.30	5.60	6.00	6.10	6.20	6.40	7.20	6.70		
CPP / QPP	6.70	6.70	7.10	7.40	7.40	7.40	7.50	8.00	7.50		
Federal Child Benefits	0.20	0.20	0.40	0.30	0.20	0.20	0.30	0.30	0.30		
GST / HST Credits	0.40	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	1.00	0.40		
Social Assistance	0.90	0.90	0.90	0.90	0.90	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.70		
Other*	0.90	0.90	0.90	1.10	1.60	2.00	1.70	7.40	2.80		
Females											
Total government transfers	33.30	33.40	35.20	36.20	38.30	38.10	37.30	50.10	43.70		
Employment Insurance	5.20	5.20	5.30	5.30	5.50	5.30	5.00	5.60	9.80		
OAS / GIS / SPA	10.60	10.80	11.10	11.20	11.40	11.50	11.60	12.60	11.90		
CPP / QPP	9.30	9.40	9.80	9.80	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.40	10.10		
Federal Child Benefits	4.40	4.30	5.30	6.10	7.10	6.80	6.60	7.20	6.30		
GST / HST Credits	0.90	0.80	0.80	0.70	0.80	0.70	0.70	1.50	0.70		
Social Assistance	1.80	1.80	1.80	1.60	1.50	1.40	1.30	1.20	1.00		
Other*	1.10	1.20	1.20	1.30	2.00	2.40	2.10	11.40	3.90		
Canadian index of the EDR (Canada=100)											
Both sexes	146.2	147.1	148.3	146.8	150.0	151.6	148.7	134.0	147.3		
Males	165.3	165.3	168.0	167.4	171.5	173.6	167.4	146.4	162.9		
Females	130.1	131.5	132.3	130.2	133.4	135.6	132.7	122.2	133.6		
Couple families (with or without children)											
Total government transfers	18.70	18.70	20.20	21.30	22.00	22.10	21.80	29.80	25.80		
Employment Insurance	4.80	4.60	4.90	5.10	5.00	4.70	4.50	5.00	7.30		
OAS / GIS / SPA	5.00	5.20	5.50	5.70	5.80	6.00	6.10	6.80	6.40		
CPP / QPP	6.10	6.20	6.50	6.70	6.80	6.90	7.00	7.30	7.00		
Federal Child Benefits	1.40	1.30	1.90	2.20	2.50	2.40	2.40	2.60	2.30		
GST / HST Credits	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.70	0.30		
Social Assistance	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.30	0.30		
Other*	0.70	0.80	0.80	0.90	1.20	1.50	1.20	7.10	2.30		
Lone-parent families											
Total government transfers	44.70	43.90	46.00	47.70	49.60	47.10	45.80	67.10	55.90		
Employment Insurance	9.10	8.90	9.10	9.70	9.40	8.70	8.50	9.90	15.60		
OAS / GIS / SPA	6.00	5.90	5.90	5.90	5.60	5.40	5.50	5.90	5.50		
CPP / QPP	5.90	5.80	5.90	6.00	5.70	5.50	5.60	5.70	5.50		
Federal Child Benefits	12.30	11.80	13.90	15.30	16.60	15.60	15.30	17.10	15.20		
GST / HST Credits	2.20	2.20	2.30	2.20	2.10	2.00	2.00	3.80	1.70		
Social Assistance	6.60	6.70	6.20	5.80	5.50	5.00	4.60	4.30	3.70		
Other*	2.70	2.50	2.70	3.00	4.50	4.90	4.50	20.30	8.80		
Persons not in census families											
Total government transfers	50.60	50.30	52.20	53.90	54.10	53.30	52.20	68.60	59.20		
Employment Insurance	6.30	6.20	6.70	7.00	6.90	6.50	6.40	7.20	10.80		
OAS / GIS / SPA	20.50	20.40	21.00	21.70	21.70	21.40	21.30	23.80	22.00		
CPP / QPP	17.20	17.10	17.80	18.10	17.80	17.30	17.20	18.40	17.30		
GST / HST Credits	1.50	1.50	1.60	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	2.90	1.30		
Social Assistance	3.20	3.30	3.30	3.20	3.00	2.80	2.50	2.50	2.20		
Other*	1.80	1.80	2.00	2.40	3.20	3.90	3.30	13.90	5.60		
Canadian index of the EDR (Canada=100)											
Total government transfers											
Couple families	147.2	148.4	149.6	147.9	151.7	153.5	149.3	131.9	147.4		
Lone-parent families	144.2	142.5	140.7	138.3	138.9	137.7	132.8	123.8	131.8		
Persons not in census families	151.0	150.6	151.7	151.0	152.8	154.0	151.3	141.4	151.4		

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Average rents for October (\$)											
Apartment - 3 Bedrooms +	842	876	882	896	892	933	959	1,011	1,074	1,157	1,268
% Change	-0.7	4.0	0.7	1.6	-0.4	4.6	2.8	5.4	6.2	7.7	9.6
Row - 3 Bedrooms +	965	950	917	884	840	1,063	1,085	1,160	1,143	1,265	1,302
% Change	0.1	-1.6	-3.5	-3.6	-5.0	26.5	2.1	6.9	-1.5	10.7	2.9
Other											
Social assistance recipients	39,334	38,985	38,054	36,877	36,770	35,996	34,714	32,904	27,807	30,655	33,783
% Change	-2.7	-0.9	-2.4	-3.1	-0.3	-2.1	-3.6	-5.2	-15.5	10.2	10.2
Consumer insolvency rate (per 1,000 population aged 18 years and over)	6.6	7.2	7.2	7.4	7.2	7.4	8.0	5.5	4.6	4.9	
Financial security by economic family type (2019 constant dollars)											
Total assets (median value for those holding assets)											
Total				247,500			265,000				
Economic families				343,400			361,900				
Persons not in economic families (use with caution)				78,400			112,000				
Total debts (median value for those holding debts)											
Total				57,200			52,000				
Economic families				74,800			78,000				
Persons not in economic families (use with caution)				16,900			19,400				
Net worth (median value - assets less debts)											
Total				167,800			185,000				
Economic families				219,800			264,500				
Persons not in economic families (use with caution)				69,900			68,300				

Economic Dependency Ratio (EDR) is the sum of transfer payment dollars received as benefits in a given area, compared to every \$100 of employment income for that same area. For example, where a table shows an Employment Insurance EDR of 5.40, it means that \$5.40 in Employment Insurance benefits were received for every \$100 of employment income for the area.

The **index** is a comparison of the variable for the given area, for the given tax year, with Canada (**Canada = 100**).

Government transfer payments are payments to individuals by the federal or provincial governments: Employment Insurance (**EI**), Goods and Services Tax Credit (**GST**) and Harmonized Tax Credit (**HST**), Federal Child Benefits, Old Age Security (**OAS**) and net federal supplements, Canada Pension Plan (**CPP**) and Quebec Pension Plan (**QPP**), Workers' Compensation, Social Assistance and provincial refundable tax credits, Family Benefits and Other Government Transfers. Other Government Transfers (new in 2010) includes Working Income Tax Benefit. Definitions of the transfer payments are available from the User's Guide to this series, available at <http://www.statcan.gc.ca/imdb-bmdi/4105-eng.htm>.

The Old Age Security (**OAS**) pension is part of the OAS program, a federal government program that guarantees a degree of financial security to seniors. All persons in Canada aged 65 years and over, who are Canadian citizens or legal residents, may qualify for a full OAS pension, depending on their years of residence in Canada after reaching the age of 18. OAS benefits include all benefits reported for the reference year, excluding Guaranteed Income Supplements (**GIS**) and Spousal Allowance benefits (**SPA**). Starting with 1994 data, OAS income of non-filing spouses was Other* - Calculated by N.B. Department of Finance and Treasury Board using rounded data.

Sources: Statistics Canada, CMHC, OSB and NB Social Development

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