

Overview of New Brunswick's Labour Force

The **Labour Force** refers to persons who were either employed or unemployed during the week of Sunday, May 1 to Saturday, May 7, 2011.

Labour force = employed + unemployed persons.

- According to the 2011 National Household Survey, New Brunswick had 395,420 people aged 15 years and over in the labour force during the week of May 1 to May 7, 2011.
- Of these labour force participants, 351,935 were employed; men accounted for just over half (50.8%) while women comprised just under half (49.2%).
- By comparison, at the time of the 2006 Census, 344,800 people out of 382,965 labour force participants were employed. Men accounted for 51.5% of those employed and women made up 48.5%.
- The provincial unemployment rate in 2011 was 11.0%, compared with 10.0% in the 2006 Census. The unemployment rate for females was lower than the rate for males in 2011, at 9.0% and 12.8% respectively. Nationally, the unemployment rate stood at 7.8%.
- Among New Brunswick's urban centres, Moncton had the lowest unemployment rate in 2011 at 7.3%, followed by Fredericton at 7.5%. The highest unemployment rate was in Campbellton at 17.4%. The same ranking was evident from the 2006 Census, with Moncton posting the lowest unemployment rate (6.2%) and Campbellton posting the highest (14.3%).

Labour force status by sex, Canada and N.B., 2011						
Labour force status	Canada			New Brunswick		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Total population aged 15 years and over	27,259,525	13,295,350	13,964,170	622,435	301,865	320,570
In the labour force	17,990,080	9,388,570	8,601,510	395,420	205,165	190,255
Employed	16,595,030	8,634,310	7,960,725	351,935	178,895	173,040
Unemployed	1,395,050	754,260	640,790	43,485	26,275	17,210
Not in the labour force	9,269,445	3,906,785	5,362,660	227,015	96,695	130,320
Participation rate	66.0	70.6	61.6	63.5	68.0	59.3
Employment rate	60.9	64.9	57.0	56.5	59.3	54.0
Unemployment rate	7.8	8.0	7.4	11.0	12.8	9.0

Source: Statistics Canada, National Household Survey, 2011.