

Proportion of Lone-Parent Families Little Changed from 2001

A **lone parent** refers to a mother or a father, with no spouse or common-law partner present, living in a dwelling with one or more children.

NOTE: Distributions may not add to 100% due to rounding.

- The proportion of lone-parent families in New Brunswick in 2006 was similar to what it was in 2001. Lone parents represented 16.3% of all census families in 2006, up only slightly from 16.1% in 2001.
- Manitoba had the highest proportion of lone-parent families among the provinces (17.0%), above the national average of 15.9%.
- Lone-parent families made up one in six families in New Brunswick, with the vast majority headed by a female (29,150 or 81.9%). Male lone-parents comprised 6,435 or 18.1% of single-parent families.
- Between 2001 and 2006, lone-parent families in the province increased 2.8%, dominated by growth in lone-mother families (+3.8%). Lone-father families declined (-1.6%) during this period.
- The situation nationally is somewhat different, with single-parent families headed by men growing at a faster pace than single-parent families headed by women. During the five years prior to 2006, lone-father families rose 14.6%, more than twice the pace of 6.3% for lone-mother families.

