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## MINISTER'S MESSAGE

In 2022-2023, the Department of Justice and Public Safety continued to focus on the safety and security of all New Brunswickers, no matter what the situation, as well as timely access to justice.

The last year allowed us to implement improvements in process and access, notably in family law. Our dedicated Family Crown Services team worked tirelessly to ensure all child protection trials were heard within 30 days to meet the standard put in place following a New Brunswick Court of Appeals decision.

We were pleased to see excellent participation in the first year of integration of the Child Support Recalculation Service, which makes it easier for parents who are separated or divorced to navigate the complexities of calculating child support payment.

I am happy to say that we also saw construction start on the new Fredericton Justice Building. It will offer a modern, safe and accessible space for the three levels of court, departmental employees, and those who connect with the justice system.

These accomplishments would not have been possible without a strong team working together. To the employees of the department, thank you for your dedication to strengthening our justice system and ensuring everyone has access. This is an essential part of creating communities that are safer and more vibrant for future generations of New Brunswickers.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "H. Flemming". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "H" and a stylized "Flemming".

Honourable Hugh J. Flemming, K.C.  
Minister and Attorney General

## MINISTER'S MESSAGE

This past year was one of accomplishments at the Department of Justice and Public Safety as employees continued to step up to ensure the safety of New Brunswickers.

Our peace officers continued to work in our communities to curb the sale of illegal drugs and enforce regulations on our highways and trails. I am proud to say that several legislation changes were made to address crucial safety issues in the province, including catalytic converter theft and extreme speeding. As well, legislation was introduced to strengthen protections for those at risk of intimate partner violence and to help find missing persons.

Throughout the year, our staff was on the frontlines keeping residents informed and protected, whether it was during extreme weather events like Hurricane Fiona, working in our correctional facilities, providing security in our courts or helping investigate fires in our province. We also have many people who work behind the scenes providing crucial services, everything from providing support for victims of crime to processing permits and licences.

I am privileged to work with a team of such dedicated and highly skilled people, and I look forward to seeing what else we can accomplish.



Honourable Kris Austin  
Minister and Solicitor General

## DEPUTY MINISTER'S MESSAGE

I am pleased to present the annual report for the Department of Justice and Public Safety for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2023.

Though 2022-2023 had its share of challenges, it was also a year of extraordinary achievements. Time and again, our employees demonstrated their commitment to keeping New Brunswickers safe, whether in response to the COVID-19 pandemic or maintaining the everyday operations of the department. From those working in our courthouses and correctional facilities and those patrolling our highways and trails to those providing support to victims of crime, processing permits and licences, monitoring severe weather events and everything in between, each employee had an important role to play.

Recognition of service is a valued part of our employee culture – an activity that we needed to pause at the height of pandemic restrictions. This year, I was proud to once again have the opportunity to formally recognize the exceptional work of our employees at various levels through long-service and retirement celebrations as well as medal ceremonies for outstanding service during the pandemic and to the province as part of the Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee.

With more than 1,700 provincial employees and an expansive mandate, we have proven we can work together to get results. I consider myself lucky to be working alongside so many dedicated and talented individuals day after day, serving the people of New Brunswick.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mike Comeau".

Michael J. Comeau, K.C.  
Deputy Minister



## **GOVERNMENT PRIORITIES**

### **Delivering for New Brunswickers - One Team One GNB**

*One Team One GNB* is our vision as an organization and a collaborative approach to how we operate. It is our path forward, and it represents a civil service that is working collectively across departments, professions, and sectors. Together, we are learning, growing, and adapting, and discovering new and innovative ways of doing business. It is enabling us to achieve the outcomes needed for New Brunswickers, and we are working more efficiently and effectively than ever before.

As *One Team One GNB*, we are improving the way government departments:

- communicate with one another,
- work side-by-side on important projects, and
- drive focus and accountability.

### **Strategy and Operations Management**

The Government of New Brunswick (GNB) uses a Formal Management system built on leading business practices to develop, communicate and review strategy. This process provides the Public Service with a proven methodology to execute strategy, increase accountability and continuously drive improvement.

### **Government Priorities**

Our vision for 2022-2023 is a vibrant and sustainable New Brunswick. To make progress towards this vision, we must focus on our government's priorities.

- Energize private sector
- Vibrant and sustainable communities
- Affordable, responsive and high-performing government
- Dependable public health care
- World-class education, and
- Environment

## HIGHLIGHTS

During the 2022-2023 fiscal year, Justice and Public Safety focused on these government priorities:

- Inspections and Enforcement New Brunswick peace officers continued work to curb the sale of illegal drugs and tobacco in our province, through the Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods program.
- The New Brunswick Emergency Measures Organization kept New Brunswickers informed during extreme weather events, including Hurricane Fiona and spring flooding.
- The *Salvage Dealers Licensing Act* was amended to address catalytic converter theft.
- The *Disclosure to Protect Against Intimate Partner Violence Act* passed, helping people at risk of intimate partner violence make more informed choices about their safety.
- The *Missing Persons Act* passed, making it possible for police to launch a missing persons investigation sooner, when no criminal investigation is underway.
- The *Motor Vehicle Act* was amended to allow for the development of regulations devoted exclusively to bicycle safety.
- Family Crown Services dealt with 127 outstanding child protection trials following a New Brunswick Court of Appeal decision that such cases must be heard within 30 days.
- Construction began on the new Fredericton justice building.
- Legislative Services produced 63 government bills and 93 regulations.
- The Child Support Recalculation Service was made available province-wide, helping parents who are separated or divorced by simplifying annual child support recalculations.
- Changes were made to the Disaster Financial Assistance Program to help people leave areas prone to flooding and encourage property owners to manage their own risks.
- An agreement was finalized between the governments of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia allowing Nova Scotia's Serious Incident Response Team (SiRT) to provide police oversight for serious incidents involving police in both provinces.

## PERFORMANCE OUTCOMES

### Outcome # 1 : Drive public confidence in community safety

Year after year, Justice and Public safety aims to increase public confidence in the programs and agencies that work to keep our communities safe. This is accomplished through legislation, initiatives that actively work to dismantle organized crime activities, and programs designed to increase transparency and accountability.

#### Why is it important?

Community safety is not only dependent on the agencies mandated to deal with criminal activity, but also the citizens served by these agencies. Public confidence is earned by continuously searching for and adopting best practices, and providing transparent, timely information.

#### Initiatives or projects undertaken to achieve the outcome

- Inspections and Enforcement New Brunswick continued its efforts to disrupt criminal activity, working with law enforcement agencies throughout New Brunswick and in neighbouring provinces. In 2022-2023, 77 files were under investigation or before the courts.
- Peace officers with the Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods program performed 174 civil investigations in 2022-2023. Under the authority of the *Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods Act*, 56 properties were vacated due to illegal activity.
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- The Public Safety Crime Dashboard provided year-to-date information monthly to inform New Brunswickers of the number of crimes in the province.

## **Outcome # 2 : Maximize efficiency and effectiveness of justice and public safety systems**

Ensuring timely access to justice and building safer communities requires a commitment to channelling resources where they are needed most. Investments in training, equipment and new facilities will help employees serve clients better, now and in the future, while adjustments to existing programs ensure responsible spending of taxpayer dollars.

### **Why is it important?**

Accessible, strong and stable justice and public safety systems are fundamental to building vibrant, sustainable communities. As our population grows, so does the risk of a rising crime rate and the impact on vulnerable communities.

### **Initiatives or projects undertaken to achieve the outcome**

- Planning began on the creation of a new correctional facility for the Fredericton region. The future correctional centre will help address capacity issues and increase safety for employees and clients by reducing the risk of overcrowding among the provincial facilities.
- Minor provincial court appearances heard once a week in Tracadie were consolidated to the provincial court in Bathurst, which had capacity to accommodate additional matters.
- Changes were made to the Disaster Financial Assistance Program to help people leave areas prone to flooding and encourage property owners to manage their own risks.

### **Outcome # 3 : Maximize client satisfaction with service delivery**

At any given time in a year, almost every New Brunswicker connects with the Department of Justice and Public Safety through a transaction or service – such as a motor vehicle inspection, a special events licence application, a roadcheck or a child support payment. The department continuously seeks ways to improve their program offerings to maximize ease and convenience while ensuring fair, equitable and compassionate service to clients.

#### **Why is it important?**

Improving programs to maximize client satisfaction is a long-term investment in resources that can lead to better outcomes and compliance.

#### **Initiatives or projects undertaken to achieve the outcome**

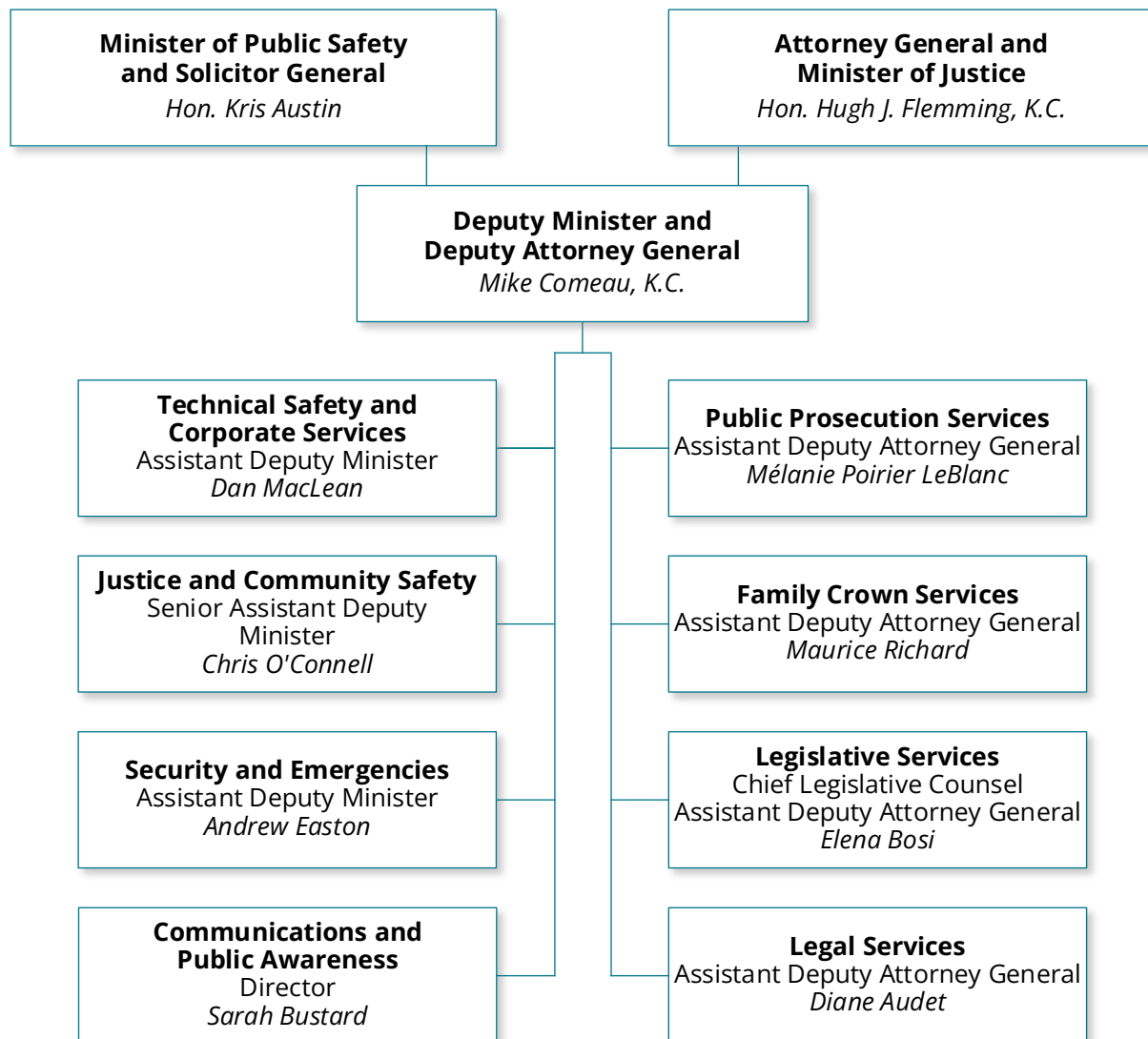
- The Child Support Recalculation Service was made available province-wide, helping parents who are separated or divorced by simplifying annual child support recalculations. The service automatically recalculates support payments and the applicable proportionate shares of special expenses each year using the child support guidelines and a person's latest assessment from the Canada Revenue Agency.
- Reciprocity was granted to Ukrainian settlers with a driver's licence from that country, making it easier for them to obtain Class 5 passenger vehicle licences in New Brunswick.
- An online address change option for motor vehicle services, such as driver's licences and vehicle registrations, was made available to people moving within the province. This allows New Brunswickers to save time by not needing to visit a Service New Brunswick office in person.

## OVERVIEW OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS

The Department of Justice and Public Safety was formed to provide a comprehensive and integrated approach to public safety. The department strives to provide quality programs and services that enhance the safety and security of New Brunswickers and their communities and a fair, accessible justice system.

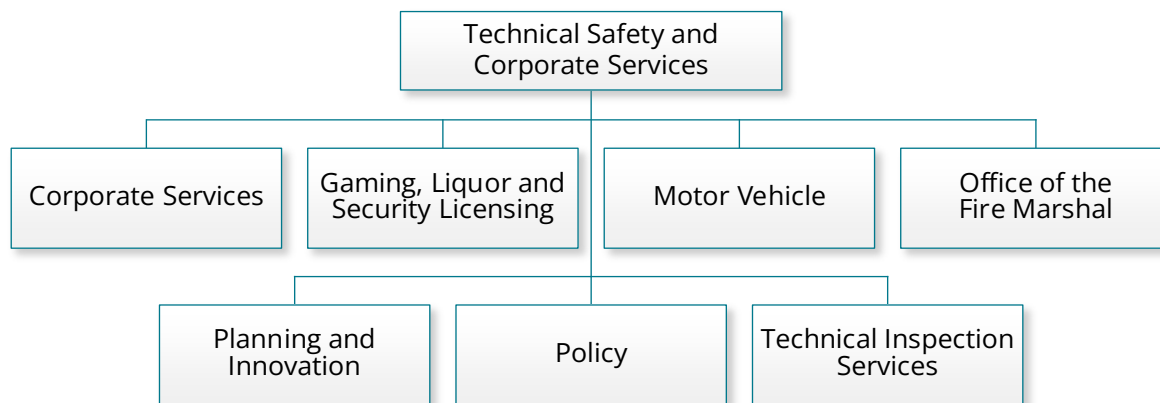
The vision of the department is “Working together for a safe, secure and just New Brunswick”.

The department had 1,684 regular, part-time, term and temporary employees, down from 1,707 in the previous fiscal year.



## DIVISION OVERVIEW AND HIGHLIGHTS

### TECHNICAL SAFETY AND CORPORATE SERVICES



#### Overview

The **Technical Safety and Corporate Services Division** provides direction and support to all departmental managers and employees in the areas of financial services, legislative/regulatory and legal analysis, human resources, employee health and safety, information management, fleet and facilities management and accountability. The division is also responsible for the department's regulatory branches related to fire safety, technical inspections of buildings and structures, motor vehicles, liquor, gaming, and security services.

The **Gaming, Liquor and Security Licensing Branch** is the regulatory authority responsible for the licensing, registration and permitting of applicants under the *Liquor Control Act*, *Gaming Control Act*, *Private Investigators and Security Services Act*, *Film and Video Act* and the *Salvage Dealers Licensing Act*. The branch coordinates with both internal and external inspectors, investigators, departments, corporate bodies, agencies, and systems. The branch is responsible to maintain and uphold the integrity of gaming in New Brunswick through the registration of suppliers and licensing of all employees of the casino gaming industry.

The **Motor Vehicle Branch** provides oversight of safety standards for motor vehicle registration; issues motor vehicle dealer

licences; administers the motor vehicle inspection program through inspection stations; and administers the International Registration Plan program for the inter-jurisdictional registration of commercial vehicles. The branch promotes highway safety through testing aspiring drivers, issuing driver licences and ID cards, monitoring driver behaviour, and sanctioning unsafe drivers and carriers. The branch also administers educational and ignition interlock programs for persons convicted of impaired driving.

The **Office of the Fire Marshal** delivers fire prevention and protection programs; and works with fire departments, municipalities, and partner organizations to promote fire safety. The office monitors changes to the National Building Code and National Fire Code, National Fire Protection Association codes, and fire safety trends and concerns to develop and promote provincial policies, standards, and procedures for the fire service. The office works with multiple agencies to conduct fire safety inspections, and perform fire cause and origin investigations. It is the lead agency for the response to all hazardous material emergencies for the province of New Brunswick.

The **Planning and Innovation Branch** is responsible for supporting the department's strategic direction through business planning,

performance measurement, data analytics, continuous improvement, and accountability.

The **Policy Branch** provides ministerial and departmental areas leadership and support in the development of program and policy initiatives. The branch also provides information and advice in support of legislation development, and federal/provincial/territorial relations, as well as coordination of legislative activities and departmental matters related to the *Right to Information and Protection of Privacy Act* and the *Personal Health Information Privacy and Access Act*.

The **Technical Inspection Services Branch** is responsible for regulating the safe design, fabrication, installation, and operation of electrical, plumbing, propane, natural and medical gas systems, boilers, pressure vessels, elevating devices, amusement rides and buildings. Responsibilities also include qualifying and licensing specific tradespeople and contractors; performing accident investigations; providing education; and accrediting private sector services.

#### **Overview of Corporate Services branches**

The **Finance and Administration Branch** provides financial leadership and expert advice to senior management, departmental managers and staff. The branch maintains the operational accounting function by providing financial consulting, budgeting, monitoring, accounting services, and revenue and expenditure forecasting. It also enforces financial policies and procedures and manages the department's facilities and fleet.

The **Human Resources Branch** is responsible for providing leadership and support to the department in the areas of human resource planning, recruitment, classification, labour relations, employee relations, training, performance management, change

management, organizational development, human resource policies and program implementation.

The **Information Management Services Branch** is responsible for information management and security, risk management and records management. It supports business planning of information management solutions for the department. It ensures alignment of departmental business objectives and technology initiatives by providing strategic oversight, direction and advice.

The **Internal Communication and Employee Engagement Branch** supports the department by planning and executing strategic, timely communication to employees across the organization, and strengthening employee culture through engagement activities. The branch also coordinates departmental correspondence and provides advice and support on corporate projects.

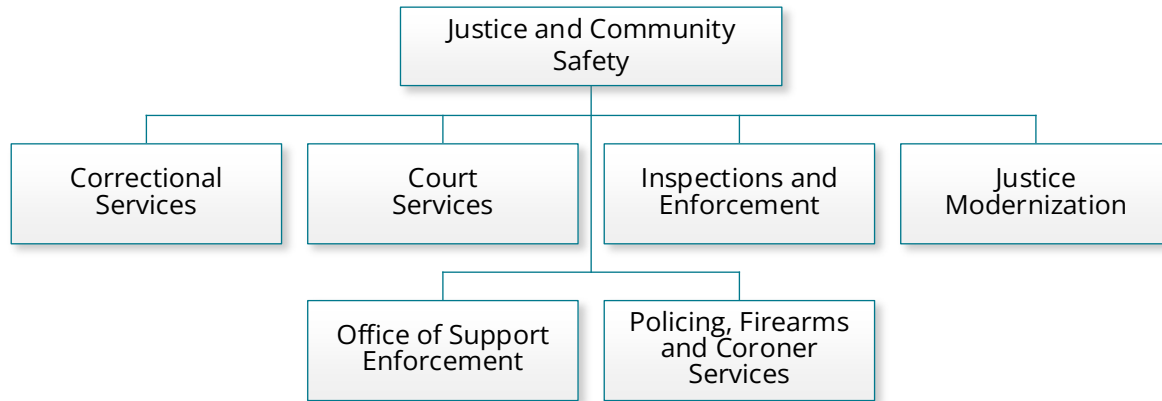
The **Worker Safety Branch** is responsible for reducing the number and severity of workplace physical and psychological injuries through safe work practices, safe job practices, codes of practice, education, and completion of effective incident investigations. The branch also reduces the time lost from work through effective claim management and accommodation processes.

#### **Highlights**

- The *Salvage Dealers Licensing Act* was amended to address catalytic converter theft.
- The *Motor Vehicle Act* was amended to allow for the development of regulations devoted exclusively to bicycle safety.
- The provincial Hazardous Materials Response program was expanded to southeastern New Brunswick.



## JUSTICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY



### Overview

The **Justice and Community Safety Division** ensures a transparent, accessible, and unbiased justice system, and administers programs and services to contribute to a safer society. The division is responsible for the administration of provincial courts, support for the judiciary, court security, enforcement of family support orders, institutional and community-based programs for offenders, youth justice initiatives, support for victims of crime, programs to reduce and prevent crime, firearms licensing, policing standards and contracts, and investigations of sudden and unexpected deaths. The division is also responsible for Inspections and Enforcement New Brunswick, a provincial non-direct policing law enforcement unit.

The **Court Services Branch** supports New Brunswick's court system across eight geographical locations, including the Court of King's Bench, Small Claims Court, Probate Court, Bankruptcy and Insolvency Division, Criminal Court and Youth Justice Court. It manages court attendance, order production, case files, registry services and other administrative services in support of the judiciary and the public. The branch is also responsible for the delivery of specialized initiatives, including the Healing to Wellness

Court, Domestic Violence Court, Family Case Management, Family Law Information Center, Mental Health Docket, Intimate Partner Violence Intervention, and the Case Management Triage Officer.

### Inspections and Enforcement New

**Brunswick** is a provincial law enforcement agency responsible for providing education, inspection, and enforcement functions under provincial and federal acts. Peace officers with special constable appointment have general public safety and policing mandates and work to enhance public safety and protect government revenues, the environment and natural resources. It has additional responsibilities in the areas of liquor control; commercial, passenger and off-road vehicle safety; gaming control; tobacco sales to minors; smoke-free places investigations; disrupting the sale of illegal cannabis, tobacco, drugs, and alcohol; and protecting communities against the harmful effects of crime. Agri-food and public health inspectors protect the public from health hazards, maintain healthy environments and reduce the incidence of disease in the areas of food safety, environmental health, recreational and institutional sanitation, water quality, abattoirs and dairy-related operations, emergency preparedness and communicable disease control.

The **Justice Modernization Branch** provides strategic and operational support for the technological and functional processes related to the administration of New Brunswick's provincial courts. Responsibilities include the management of information technology systems, business intelligence, evaluation of legislative and policy changes and establishment and oversight of service level agreements.

The **Office of Support Enforcement** enforces family support provisions in court orders and agreements in accordance with the *Support Enforcement Act* by using progressive enforcement actions to ensure compliance.

### **Overview of Correctional Services branches**

**Adult Custody Services** is responsible for the administration of five provincial correctional institutions for adult offenders sentenced to incarceration of two years less a day and for holding accused persons deemed to be dangerous and/or a security risk while awaiting trial or awaiting immigration hearings.

The **Community and Youth Justice Services Branch** is responsible for developing and delivering programs for justice-involved youth and adults using evidence-based prevention approaches and supporting the rights of victims of crime. These programs include provincial adult and youth diversion programs; restorative justice approaches; rehabilitative case management for adults and youth sentenced to community correctional supervision; and support services for victims of crime like court preparation and victim impact statements. It provides custody placements for youth aligned with a continuum of care model of intervention that addresses the young person's risks and needs. The Branch employs Peace Officers that, in addition to their primary areas of responsibility, may be called on to complete

other duties during large-scale civic emergencies.

The **Crime Prevention and Program Development Branch** is responsible for developing collaborative, evidence-based, and cost-effective crime prevention approaches throughout New Brunswick. The branch offers research, development, and evaluation support to operational branches in the department to ensure that strategies and programs align with a best-practice continuum of care model.

The **Sheriff Services Branch** is responsible for providing court security for all courthouse locations in accordance with the *Court Security Act*. The branch coordinates detainees' security, including transportation, escort and detention supervision, as well as jury management, document service and court orders execution. Sheriffs also perform peace officer duties as prescribed by over 80 federal and provincial statutes.

### **Overview of Policing, Firearms and Coroner Services branches**

**Coroner Services** is an independent and publicly accountable investigation of death agency. The service is responsible for reviewing all suspicious or questionable deaths in New Brunswick; and for conducting inquests as may be required by statute and/or in the public interest. Coroner Services does not have a vested interest of any kind in the outcome of death investigations. The agency administers the Child Death Review Committee and Domestic Violence Death Review Committee.

The **Policing Standards and Contract Management Branch** aims to prevent and reduce crime and victimization through the coordination of effective and efficient policing services and evidence-based programs. The branch is responsible for developing and promoting provincial policies, standards, agreements and collaborative partnerships that ensure the delivery of consistent and

standardized police services throughout New Brunswick. It oversees contract management services and supports the provision of RCMP services under the Provincial Police Service Agreement as well as managing agreements with municipalities and local service districts for the provision of RCMP services.

The **Provincial Firearms Office** contributes to the safety of communities by managing the ownership, purchase, movement and use of firearms within the province through the administration of federal firearms legislation.

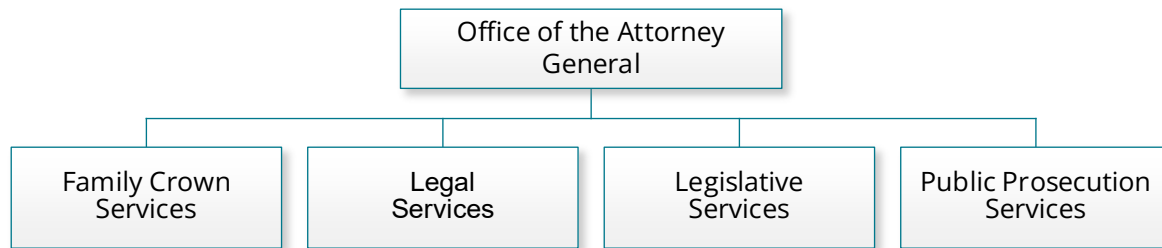
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## OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL



### Overview

The **Office of the Attorney General** promotes the impartial administration of justice to enable the Attorney General to discharge their constitutional responsibilities regarding the enforcement of the criminal law, the provision of legal advice and the representation of the Crown in all civil and constitutional matters, as well as the drafting of legislation and regulations.

The **Family Crown Services Branch** provides professional legal services, including litigation and legal opinions to the Department of Social Development and to the Director of Support Enforcement in the area of family law. It also acts as designate and agent of the Attorney General under specific federal and provincial legislation and international treaties in the areas of family law and the civil aspects of international child abduction.

The **Legal Services Branch** provides professional legal services to government departments and some agencies in the areas of employment and administrative law, constitutional law, corporate, commercial and property law, and litigation. It also provides legal opinions on issues and matters related to the ongoing operations of government.

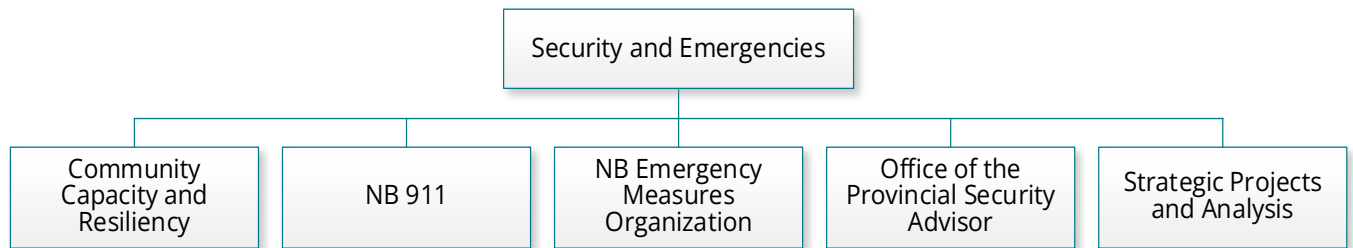
The **Legislative Services Branch** provides a central legislative drafting service in both Official Languages, for all public acts and regulations, to all government departments and agencies; provides advice to the Executive Council on legislative matters; discharges the responsibilities conferred upon the Registrar of Regulations under the *Regulations Act*; provides legal advice on Cabinet agenda; and discharges the responsibilities conferred upon the King's Printer under the *King's Printer Act*.

The **Public Prosecution Services Branch** ensures that laws enacted for the protection of all citizens are respected and enforced by providing independent, effective, and impartial prosecution services. With the decision to continue or terminate a prosecution, the Crown prosecutors exercise broad discretion in the public interest.

### Highlights

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- Legislative Services produced 63 government bills and 93 regulations.

## SECURITY AND EMERGENCIES



### Overview

The **Security and Emergencies Division** is responsible for coordination amongst different levels of government and the private sector to improve prevention, preparedness and response capabilities in New Brunswick for deliberate, accidental or natural events. Responsibilities include 911 services, emergency management and recovery programs, security, and critical infrastructure.

The **Community Capacity and Resiliency Branch** is responsible for aligning government and community efforts to recover from the extensive impacts of COVID-19 and build resiliency to future disasters and crises.

The **Office of the Provincial Security Advisor** is responsible for providing security advice and services regarding high-value and high-risk services, networks, facilities, assets, and persons critical to New Brunswick's safety, security, and economy, in both the public and private sectors. The focus is to align efforts among different levels of government and the private sector to improve prevention, preparedness, and response capabilities in New Brunswick for natural, accidental, and deliberate events.

The **NB 911 Branch** is responsible for ensuring an effective province-wide system for the coordination of emergency services and for the reporting of emergencies to service providers through a public safety answering point, by working with telecommunications partners and emergency response stakeholders. The branch develops, implements and ensures compliance with standards, policies and operating procedures that ensure response to all emergencies reported via 911.

The **New Brunswick Emergency Measures Organization** (NB EMO) promotes the development of emergency programs at all levels of government encompassing prevention, preparedness, response and recovery. It coordinates provincial emergency operations and supports communities, municipalities and regional service commissions with resources and information to ensure effective local response to major emergencies.

The **Strategic Projects and Analysis Branch** provides analysis and leadership on priority projects and programs within the Security and Emergencies Division. The team delivers business intelligence/data analytics support, collaborates with the divisional leadership team on corporate strategy, and supports the development and implementation of outcome-focused operational policies.

### Highlights

- The New Brunswick Emergency Measures Organization kept New Brunswickers informed during extreme weather events, including Hurricane Fiona and spring flooding.
- The Disaster Financial Assistance Program was activated to assist New Brunswickers whose properties were affected by Hurricane Fiona.
- Changes were made to the Disaster Financial Assistance Program to help people leave areas prone to flooding and encourage property owners to manage their own risks.

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

**TABLE 1: ORDINARY EXPENDITURE STATUS REPORT BY PRIMARY**

Fiscal year ending March 31, 2023 (\$000)

	MAIN ESTIMATES	APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS/ SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATE	FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE (UNDER) OVER
Personal services	138,070.1	16,421.5	154,491.6	150,303.9	(4,187.7)
Other services	122,906.5	8,981.6	131,888.1	141,845.6	9,957.5
Materials and supplies	3,426.7	5,182.0	8,608.7	8,327.0	(281.7)
Property and equipment	311.2	3,690.0	4,001.2	4,687.9	686.7
Contributions, grants and subsidies	12,656.1		12,656.1	16,349.6	3,693.5
Debt and other charges	41,816.4		41,816.4	21,902.5	(19,913.9)
Chargeback recoveries	(4,911.0)		(4,911.0)	(9,676.9)	(4,765.9)
<b>Total</b>	<b>314,276.0</b>	<b>34,275.1</b>	<b>348,551.1</b>	<b>333,739.6</b>	<b>(14,811.5)</b>

Actual expenditures were under budget by \$14.8M; this was primarily the result of deferred disaster recovery costs; many of these expenditures relate to capital projects that were delayed into the next fiscal year(s).

## TABLE 2: ORDINARY EXPENDITURE STATUS REPORT BY PROGRAM

Fiscal year ending March 31, 2023 (\$000)

	MAIN ESTIMATES	APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS/ SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATE	FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE (UNDER) OVER
Technical Safety and Corporate Services	17,282.0	1,279.2	18,561.2	18,709.0	147.8
Community Safety	191,354.0	25,483.2	216,837.2	221,198.1	4,360.9
Office of the Attorney General	21,981.0	1,935.3	23,916.3	23,072.0	(844.3)
Justice Services	25,468.0	2,835.3	28,303.3	28,219.8	(83.5)
Legal Aid	10,855.0	701.9	11,556.9	11,466.2	(90.7)
Security and Emergencies	47,336.0	2,040.2	49,376.2	31,074.5	(18,301.7)
<b>Total</b>	<b>314,276.0</b>	<b>34,275.1</b>	<b>348,551.1</b>	<b>333,739.6</b>	<b>(14,811.5)</b>

Actual expenditures were under budget by \$14.8M; this was the result of a surplus within the Security and Emergency Division; specifically, Disaster Financial Assistance which was underspent as a number of projects were delayed.

### TABLE 3: ORDINARY REVENUE STATUS REPORT BY SOURCE

Fiscal year ending March 31, 2023 (\$000)

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE (UNDER) OVER
Other taxes	4,000.0	5,838.7	1,838.7
Return on investment	58.0	37.8	(20.2)
Licences and permits	149,214.0	156,551.5	7,337.5
Sale of goods and services	29,581.0	38,973.1	9,392.1
Fines and penalties	6,577.0	6,032.0	(545.0)
Miscellaneous	340.0	305.1	(34.9)
Conditional Grants – Canada	40,375.0	22,779.1	(17,595.9)
<b>Total</b>	<b>230,145.0</b>	<b>230,517.3</b>	<b>372.3</b>

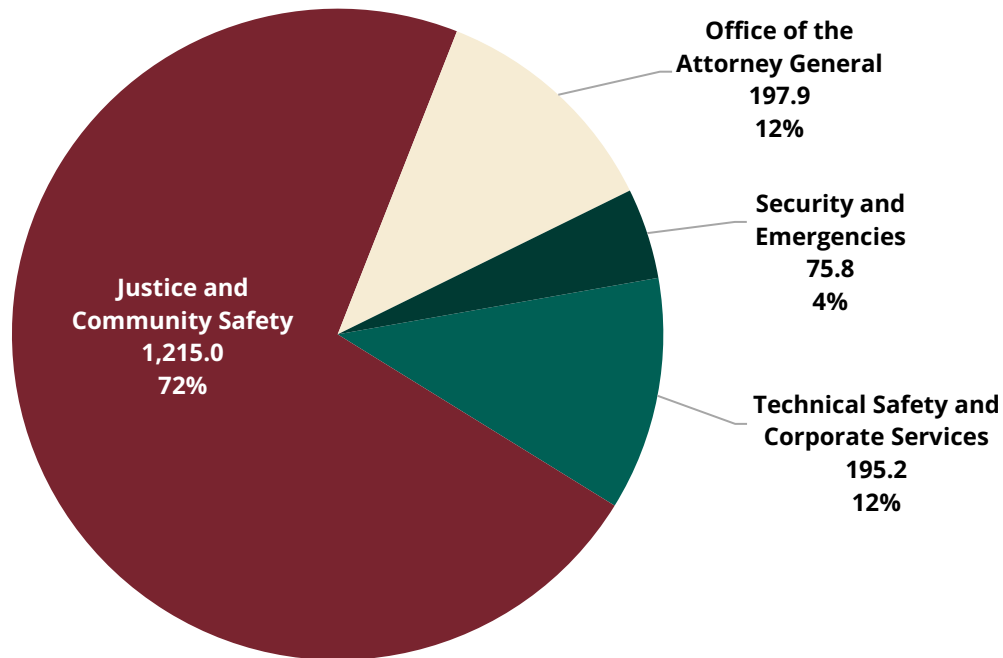
Total revenues were only slightly higher than budgeted amounts – the overall surplus for 2022-23 was \$372.3K. The major variance at the source level was for revenues recognized on eligible Disaster Financial Assistance (DFA) events which falls under the Conditional Grants – Canada line item. As costs for events are incurred, revenue is recognized in accordance with the federal cost sharing agreement. Budgeted expenditures for DFA were significantly lower than anticipated, resulting in lower revenues being recognized. This was offset however by increased fees received under the *Motor Vehicle Act* (Licences and permits) and the *Fire Prevention Act* (Other taxes), as well as newly recognized Recoveries from Municipalities for the RCMP (Sale of goods and services) as amounts previously received through Environment and Local Government have now moved to Justice and Public Safety.



## SUMMARY OF STAFFING ACTIVITY

Pursuant to section 4 of the *Civil Service Act*, the Secretary to Treasury Board delegates staffing to each Deputy Head for his or her respective department(s). Please find below a summary of the staffing activity for 2021 and 2022 for Justice and Public Safety.

NUMBER OF PERMANENT AND TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES AS OF DEC. 31 OF EACH YEAR		
EMPLOYEE TYPE	2022	2021
Permanent	1558.3	1568.6
Temporary	125.5	138.2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1683.8</b>	<b>1706.8</b>



The department advertised 83 competitions, including 70 open (public) competitions and 13 closed (internal) competitions.

Pursuant to sections 15 and 16 of the *Civil Service Act*, the department made the following appointments using processes to establish merit other than the competitive process:

APPOINTMENT TYPE	APPOINTMENT DESCRIPTION	SECTION OF THE CIVIL SERVICE ACT	NUMBER
Specialized Professional, Scientific or Technical	An appointment may be made without competition when a position requires: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a high degree of expertise and training</li> <li>• a high degree of technical skill</li> <li>• recognized experts in their field</li> </ul>	15(1)	4
Equal Employment Opportunity Program	Provides Aboriginals, persons with disabilities and members of a visible minority group with equal access to employment, training and advancement opportunities.	16(1)(a)	0
Department Talent Management Program	Permanent employees identified in corporate and departmental talent pools, who meet the four-point criteria for assessing talent, namely performance, readiness, willingness and criticalness.	16(1)(b)	24
Lateral transfer	The GNB transfer process facilitates the transfer of employees from within Part 1, 2 (school districts) and 3 (hospital authorities) of the Public Service.	16(1) or 16(1)(c)	10
Regular appointment of casual/temporary	An individual hired on a casual or temporary basis under section 17 may be appointed without competition to a regular properly classified position within the Civil Service.	16(1)(d)(i)	0
Regular appointment of students/ apprentices	Summer students, university or community college co-op students or apprentices may be appointed without competition to an entry level position within the Civil Service.	16(1)(d)(ii)	0

Pursuant to section 33 of the *Civil Service Act*, no complaints alleging favouritism were made to the Deputy Head of Justice and Public Safety and no complaints were submitted to the Ombud.

## SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION AND LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

BILL #	NAME OF LEGISLATION	DATE OF ROYAL ASSENT	SUMMARY OF CHANGES
84	<i>An Act to Amend the Police Act</i> <a href="https://www.legnb.ca/en/legislation/bills/60/1/84/an-act-to-amend-the-police-act">https://www.legnb.ca/en/legislation/bills/60/1/84/an-act-to-amend-the-police-act</a>	June 10, 2022	Amendments allow the Minister to enter into an agreement with the Government of Canada, the government of another province or territory, a municipality, or an agency for the provision of serious incident response services.
92	<i>An Act to Amend the Plumbing Installation and Inspection Act</i> <a href="https://www.legnb.ca/en/legislation/bills/60/1/92/an-act-to-amend-the-plumbing-installation-and">https://www.legnb.ca/en/legislation/bills/60/1/92/an-act-to-amend-the-plumbing-installation-and</a>	June 10, 2022	Amendments remove the requirement of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to approve plumbing by-laws, permitting local governments to adopt by-laws regulating aspects of the installation and repair of plumbing systems, providing for the granting or revoking of permits and associated fees, and providing for the appointment of local government plumbing inspectors and their duties. This allows by-laws to come into effect in a more expedient manner.
93	<i>An Act to Amend the Fire Prevention Act</i> <a href="https://www.legnb.ca/en/legislation/bills/60/1/93/an-act-to-amend-the-fire-prevention-act">https://www.legnb.ca/en/legislation/bills/60/1/93/an-act-to-amend-the-fire-prevention-act</a>	June 10, 2022	Amendments create authority to enhance fire prevention and protection practices, including regulation-making authority for standards, licensing, inspection, orders, permits, and fees for the installation and maintenance of sprinkler systems. This allows the Department to implement and operate a framework to ensure sprinkler systems are properly installed and consistently maintained.
94	<i>An Act to Amend An Act to Amend the Police Act</i> <a href="https://www.legnb.ca/en/legislation/bills/60/1/94/an-act-to">https://www.legnb.ca/en/legislation/bills/60/1/94/an-act-to</a>	June 10, 2022	Amendments clarify requirements for the provision of assistance to the investigative body, specify when an investigative body is to be notified of an incident, clarify

	<a href="#">amend-an-act-to-amend-the-police-ac</a>		information that an investigative file will be provided to the discipline authority of the subject officer, and add additional regulation making authority.
98	<i>An Act to Amend the Provincial Court Act</i>  <a href="https://www.legnb.ca/en/legislation/bills/60/1/98/an-act-to-amend-the-provincial-court-act">https://www.legnb.ca/en/legislation/bills/60/1/98/an-act-to-amend-the-provincial-court-act</a>	June 10, 2022	Amendments clarify the authority and responsibility of the chief judge, allow better management of absences on the court, update the judicial complaints process, and establish regulation-making authority for the chief judge to request medical certificates.
113	<i>An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act</i>  <a href="https://www.legnb.ca/en/legislation/bills/60/1/113/an-act-to-amend-the-motor-vehicle-act">https://www.legnb.ca/en/legislation/bills/60/1/113/an-act-to-amend-the-motor-vehicle-act</a>	June 10, 2022	Amendments create authority to develop regulations respecting bicycle safety and enhance road safety. They allow for regulations to be developed to address the responsibilities and obligations of cyclists and account for changing technology and cycling practices within the province. They also allow categories of offences and penalties for a violation of a provision of the regulations to be prescribed by regulation.
5	<i>Missing Persons Act</i>  <a href="https://www.legnb.ca/en/legislation/bills/60/2/5/missing-persons-act">https://www.legnb.ca/en/legislation/bills/60/2/5/missing-persons-act</a>	December 16, 2022	The purpose of this new legislation is to assist law enforcement agencies in locating a missing person where no criminal investigation is underway. The legislation contained in the <i>Missing Persons Act</i> will allow and ensure that police officers have all the necessary tools to continue their search efforts for the missing person, and ultimately increase effectiveness.  Enacting missing persons legislation fulfills a recommendation brought forward in the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls.

6	<p><i>An Act Respecting the Enduring Powers of Attorney Act and the Wills Act</i></p> <p><a href="https://www.legnb.ca/en/legislation/bills/60/2/6/an-act-respecting-the-enduring-powers-of-atto">https://www.legnb.ca/en/legislation/bills/60/2/6/an-act-respecting-the-enduring-powers-of-atto</a></p>	December 16, 2022	<p>Amendments allow for a person making a will or an enduring power of attorney to meet with a lawyer and required witnesses by using an electronic means of communication, providing all other legal requirements were met. These amendments were made in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and lawyers' expressed concerns about the inability to meet with clients wishing to make wills and enduring powers of attorney, especially those in nursing homes, hospitals, or isolation.</p>
13	<p><i>An Act to Amend the Salvage Dealers Licensing Act</i></p> <p><a href="https://www.legnb.ca/en/legislation/bills/60/2/13/an-act-to-amend-the-salvage-dealers-licensing">https://www.legnb.ca/en/legislation/bills/60/2/13/an-act-to-amend-the-salvage-dealers-licensing</a></p>	December 16, 2022	<p>Amendments in this bill make it harder for criminals to sell stolen catalytic converters and other commonly stolen goods, like plumbers' lead, brass valves, copper and lead flashing and copper wire. The amendments increase the minimum fines for salvage dealers who do not comply, and salvage dealers will no longer be able to pay cash for catalytic converters, or other high-theft items identified in the regulations.</p>
17	<p><i>Disclosure to Protect Against Intimate Partner Violence Act</i></p> <p><a href="https://www.legnb.ca/en/legislation/bills/60/2/17/disclosure-to-protect-against-intimate-partne">https://www.legnb.ca/en/legislation/bills/60/2/17/disclosure-to-protect-against-intimate-partne</a></p>	December 16, 2022	<p>This is a new Act that permits individuals to request information on a partner's history of intimate partner violence. Individuals can apply for information from the police about a partner's potential history of intimate partner violence. Police are also granted the authority to proactively disclose information to a person who they feel may be at risk of intimate partner violence.</p>
19	<p><i>Fiduciaries Access to Digital Assets Act</i></p> <p><a href="https://www.legnb.ca/en/legislation/bills/60/2/19/fiduciaries-access-to-digital-assets-act">https://www.legnb.ca/en/legislation/bills/60/2/19/fiduciaries-access-to-digital-assets-act</a></p>	December 16, 2022	<p>The Act facilitates fiduciary access to a person's digital assets after they die or lose capacity while respecting the person's privacy and stated intentions.</p>

20	<p><i>Supported Decision-Making and Representation Act</i></p> <p><a href="https://www.legnb.ca/en/legislation/bills/60/2/20/supported-decision-making-and-representation">https://www.legnb.ca/en/legislation/bills/60/2/20/supported-decision-making-and-representation</a></p>	December 16, 2022	This is a new Act that modernizes the law relating to adult guardianship and establishes a scheme for supported decision-making. It allows for the appointment of persons to help those who have difficulty making decisions on their own.
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NAME OF REGULATION	EFFECTIVE DATE	SUMMARY OF CHANGES
New Brunswick Regulation 2022-32 – <i>Provincial Offences Procedure Act</i>	July 1, 2022	Amendments made to improve compliance and enforcement and enhance inspection provisions through the use of the ticketing process.
New Brunswick Regulation 2022-37 – <i>Provincial Offences Procedure Act</i>	August 1, 2022	Amendments made creating prescribed category B ticketable offences and to authorize dog control officers to issue tickets (\$140) to a dog owner for offences under the <i>Dog Control Regulation</i> .
New Brunswick Regulation 2022-41 – <i>Provincial Offences Procedure Act</i>	September 1, 2022	New regulations were made for the licensing, inspection and enforcement system for private cannabis retailers, and the creation of new or amended offences in situations where licence holders do not comply with regulations.
New Brunswick Regulation 2022-44 – <i>Motor Vehicle Act</i>	January 1, 2022 (retroactive, filed on July 14, 2022)	Amendment made to increase and update the valuation threshold of abandoned vehicles from \$500 to \$2500, which expedites the disposal process for low-value abandoned vehicles and prevents backlog.
New Brunswick Regulation 2022-58 – <i>Electrical Installation and Inspection Act</i>	September 1, 2022	Changes to update existing code references to bring New Brunswick up to date with current standards.
New Brunswick Regulation 2022-62 – <i>Police Act</i>	October 1, 2022	Regulations made for dealing with serious incidents involving police officers in New Brunswick, addressing multiple items such as: notification report requirements, how to properly secure the scene, segregation during interviews, requirements for police officer’s notes, interviews of subject and witness officers, etc.

New Brunswick Regulation 2022-68 – <i>Coroners Act</i>	October 1, 2022	<i>Death Review Committee</i> regulations made with regard to the operation of the Committees and sharing of information by the Chief Coroner.
New Brunswick Regulation 2022-85 – <i>Judicature Act and the Provincial Offences Procedure Act</i>	December 16, 2022	Amendment made to address a discrepancy between the <i>Rules of Court</i> and the <i>Family Services Act</i> by clarifying the exempted timeline requirements for child protection application proceedings.
New Brunswick Regulation 2022-86 – <i>Judicature Act and the Provincial Offences Procedure Act</i>	January 1, 2023	Amendments made due to the death of Queen Elizabeth II, to update all references to the Court of Queen’s Bench and Her Majesty the Queen to Court of King’s Bench and His Majesty the King.
New Brunswick Regulation 2023-7 – <i>Salvage Dealers Licensing Act</i>	March 1, 2023	Amendments were made to add catalytic converters as a high-theft item. Amendments require salvage dealers to request and obtain government-issued identification information and the registration from the vehicle the converter was removed from, and that the information is included on the receipt issued by the dealer.
New Brunswick Regulation 2023-8 – <i>Judicature Act and the Provincial Offences Procedure Act</i>	February 20, 2023	Amendments were made to the Rules of Court for definitions, court office hours, issuing and filing documents, originating process, dismissal of action for delay, signing and entering orders and judgements, and fees for various filings at the Court of King’s Bench or Court of Appeal.
New Brunswick Regulation 2023-10 – <i>Probate Court Act</i>	March 1, 2023	Amendment repeals Schedule A to align the judicial districts for the Probate Court with the Court of King’s Bench and Small Claims Court, thus eliminating the judicial district for St. Stephen.
New Brunswick Regulation 2023 –11 - <i>Missing Persons Act</i>	March 1, 2023	Regulations were made related to record access, search orders, disclosure of information without consent, emergency demand and retention and disposal of records for missing persons investigations.
New Brunswick Regulation 2023 –14 - <i>Provincial Court Act</i>	March 23, 2023	Amendments outlining the timeframe for newly appointed judges to provide medical certificates confirming physical and/or mental fitness for office, and to update wording for gender neutrality.
New Brunswick Regulation 2023 –15 - <i>Provincial Court Act</i>	March 23, 2023	Amendments made to the <i>Inquiry and Formal Hearing Procedure Regulation</i> to update terminology and section references to ensure consistency with the Act.

# SUMMARY OF OFFICIAL LANGUAGES ACTIVITIES

## Introduction

Justice and Public Safety continued to ensure its obligations under the *Official Languages Act* were met throughout the department. Below are associated activities that were carried out throughout the year to support the four sectors of activity (focus) in GNB's [Plan on Official Languages Official Bilingualism; A Fundamental Value](#).

### Focus 1

Ensure access to service of equal quality in English and French throughout the province:

- All written and oral communication, including departmental correspondence, is provided in the Official Language of choice of the intended recipient.
- The Language of Service policy is reviewed with employees as part of their annual performance review.

### Focus 2

An environment and climate that encourages, for all employees, the use of the Official Language of their choice in their workplace:

- Communication from Senior Leadership is sent out in both Official Languages.
- Managers are encouraged to hold gatherings, presentations and meetings in both Official Languages with all their staff.
- All offers of employment, appointment, and hiring letters contain a response section where candidates and employees must indicate their preferred language for written and oral communication.
- Task-specific training is offered in both Official Languages.
- Performance reviews are conducted in the employee's language of choice. This ensures sound personnel management and guarantees that all employees clearly understand what is expected of them in their work.

### Focus 3

Ensure the department takes into account the realities of the province's Official Language communities (promotion of Official Languages):

- Emergency alerts communicated by the department are shared simultaneously in both Official Languages through various social media channels, as well as radio, television stations and wireless devices compatible with the National Public Alerting System.

### Focus 4

Ensure Public Service employees have a thorough knowledge and understanding of the *Official Languages Act*, relevant policies, regulations, and the Province's obligations with respect to Official Languages:

- All new employees are required to complete the Language of Service and Language of Work e-learning modules.
- Current employees are reminded to review the Language of Service and Language of Work policies in their annual performance review.

## Conclusion

Justice and Public Safety strives to provide quality service to all its clients within the department and in its institutions in both Official Languages and supports the use of both Official Languages in the workplace.



# SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL

## Section 1

Justice and Public Safety did not receive any recommendations from the 2022 Auditor General's report.

## Section 2

NAME AND YEAR OF AUDIT AREA WITH LINK TO ONLINE DOCUMENT	RECOMMENDATIONS	
	TOTAL	IMPLEMENTED
<p>Addiction and Mental Health Services in Provincial Adult Correctional Institutions, 2018 Volume 1 Chapter 3</p> <p><a href="https://www.agnb-vgnb.ca/content/dam/agnb-vgnb/pdf/Reports-Rapports/2018V1/Chap3e.pdf">https://www.agnb-vgnb.ca/content/dam/agnb-vgnb/pdf/Reports-Rapports/2018V1/Chap3e.pdf</a></p> <p>Recommend the Department of Justice and Public Safety, in consultation with the Department of Health, develop comprehensive solutions to the recommendations in the report. This includes responsibility for health services including addiction and mental health services in provincial correctional institutions. This would also include the collaboration and sharing of data between departments to identify needs in institutions; the development of service delivery and treatment plans, screening tools and staff training; and the incorporation of best practices in the care of inmates.</p>	14	14

## **REPORT ON THE *PUBLIC INTEREST DISCLOSURE ACT***

As provided under section 18(1) of the *Public Interest Disclosure Act*, the chief executive shall prepare a report of any disclosures of wrongdoing that have been made to a supervisor or designated officer of the portion of the public service for which the chief executive officer is responsible. The Department of Justice and Public Safety did not receive any disclosure(s) of wrongdoing in the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

## APPENDIX A: STATISTICAL INFORMATION

JUSTICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY	2021-2022	2022-2023
<b>CORRECTIONAL SERVICES</b>		
<b>ADULT CUSTODY SERVICES</b>		
<b>Adult provincial correctional institutions</b>		
Adult custody admissions	2,938	3,231
Sentenced to custody	1,172	1,159
Remands pending a court appearance	2,214	2,479
Temporary Absence program	183	317
Island View Community Residential Centre	51	57
<b>Institutional Services</b>		
Saint John Regional Correctional Centre	145	163
Southeast Regional Correctional Centre	167	177
Dalhousie Regional Correctional Centre	87	80
Madawaska Regional Correctional Centre	65	76
New Brunswick Women's Correctional Centre	53	59
Total count	517	555
"Total count" includes remanded, sentenced, and intermittent individuals, those in hospital, temporary release and unlawfully at large.		
<b>COMMUNITY AND YOUTH JUSTICE SERVICES</b>		
<b>Adult Community Services</b>		
Pre-sentence reports requested	2,538	2,340
<b>Number of admissions:</b>		
Alternative Measures	387	616
Fine Option Program	27	32
Community Service Work Program	38	41
<b>Number of admissions:</b>		
Placed on probation	1,445	1,403

<b>JUSTICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY</b>	<b>2021-2022</b>	<b>2022-2023</b>
Conditional sentence	455	454
Adult program interventions	283	490
<b>Average monthly caseload count:</b>	1,944	2,403
<b>Youth Community Services</b>		
Pre-sentence reports requested	140	139
<b>Number of admissions:</b>		
Extrajudicial Sanctions Program	215	440
Community Service Work Program	16	25
Placed on probation	98	127
Intensive Support program	5	4
Deferred custody and supervision order	5	10
Portage Substance Abuse Treatment Program	10	14
Open custody	11	3
Youth program interventions	28	5
<b>Average monthly count:</b>		
Average monthly caseload count	153	251
Average monthly open custody count	2.9	2.1
<b>COMMUNITY AND YOUTH JUSTICE SERVICES</b>		
<b>Victim Services</b>		
Victims referred to Victim Services	5,347	6,167
Victim impact statements completed	2,569	2,649
Short-term counselling	735	692
Trauma counselling	95	124
Compensation for victims of crime	912	892
<b>Youth secure custody services</b>		
Youth secure custody admissions	62	75

<b>JUSTICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY</b>	<b>2021-2022</b>	<b>2022-2023</b>
Remand	52	54
Custody and supervision orders	9	6
New Brunswick Youth Centre - Total count	5	7
<b>SHERIFF SERVICES</b>		
Persons transported	11,404	12,708
Persons in custody	4,753	5,440
<b>Orders for execution</b>		
Evictions / orders for possession	545	607
Order for seizure and sale	328	277
Intimate partner violation interventions	42	34
<b>COURT SERVICES</b>		
<b>Court Activity</b>		
<b>Court of Appeal</b>		
Civil matters	93	88
Criminal cases	37	39
<b>Court of King's Bench</b>		
<b>Trial Division</b>		
Causes filed	3,070	2,233
Matters filed	1,021	890
<b>Family Division filing activity</b>		
Trial records for petitions	1,273	1,419
Motions	1,360	1,108
Applications	2,012	1,820
Separation agreements	69	50
Voluntary Agreement (Department of Social Development clients)	52	7
Affidavits of Default	54	44

<b>JUSTICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY</b>	<b>2021-2022</b>	<b>2022-2023</b>
<b>Small Claims Court</b>		
Claims filed	1,789	1,612
Up to \$3,000	379	514
\$3,000 to \$30,000	1,410	1,098
Small claims hearings held	258	471
<b>Provincial Court - Adults only</b>		
Charges disposed of (excluding municipal by-laws)	28,375	26,368
<b>Youth Justice Court</b>		
Charges disposed of	1,010	1,309
<b>COURT SERVICES</b>		
<b>Child-Centered Family Justice Initiatives</b>		
<b>Court-Ordered Evaluations Support Program</b>		
Applications received	21	48
Approved for help with cost of evaluation	22	46
<b>OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR</b>		
Adoption files processed	102	124
Bankruptcies filed	447	315
Commencement of divorce proceedings	1,287	1,341
Filing of decrees absolute and divorce judgments	1,081	1,215
Interjurisdictional Support Orders (ISO) files received	136	190
<b>INSPECTIONS AND ENFORCEMENT</b>		
<b>Highway Safety Enforcement</b>		
<b>Commercial Vehicle Enforcement</b>		
Speed enforcement on commercial vehicles on provincial highways - charges	1,154	1,194
Speed enforcement on commercial vehicles on provincial highways - warnings	41	181
Commercial vehicles checked or weighed	253,344	343,656

<b>JUSTICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY</b>	<b>2021-2022</b>	<b>2022-2023</b>
Inspections conducted	10,609	11,971
Charges laid	5,229	5,093
Warnings given	91	3,895
Annual Roadcheck - trucks inspected (includes motorcoach)	-	353
Operation Air Brake - vehicles inspected	56	37
<b>Motor vehicle inspections</b>		
Inspections concluded	689	1,228
<b>National Safety Code</b>		
Carrier contacts (includes education, inspections and enforcement activities)	1,591	2,143
<b>Off-road Vehicle Enforcement</b>		
Off-road vehicles checked	4,903	15,677
Calls for service	505	1,184
Trail kilometres	12,605	29,660
Charges laid	166	256
Warnings given	48	130
Checkpoints	360	864
<b>Safer Communities Section</b>		
<b>Motor vehicle, casino, and licensee inspections</b>		
<b>Inspections and investigations completed</b>		
Liquor	371	336
Lotteries	104	119
Tobacco sales to minors	414	513
Salvage dealers	58	70
Private investigators	9	6
Smoke-free places	162	366
Gaming equipment	1,070	1,442

<b>JUSTICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY</b>	<b>2021-2022</b>	<b>2022-2023</b>
Audits on gaming equipment	68	58
Tobacco tax	302	343
Casino operational inspections	189	383
Casino operational audits	247	49
<b>Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods</b>		
Investigations (Civil)	148	174
Properties vacated due to illegal activity	48	56
Investigations with community resolution	75	79
Investigations based on illegal drug activity	114	106
<b>General Investigation Unit</b>		
Files received by GIS Unit	39	96
Files concluded (without court action)	8	-
Files under investigation or before the courts	25	77
Files concluded in court	14	19
<b>Conservation Enforcement</b>		
<b>Apprehensions for illegal activity</b>		
Fish and wildlife	607	586
Watercourse and fish habitat	35	46
Illegal timber harvest	110	104
Other	1,927	2,715
<b>Health Protection Services Section</b>		
<b>Public Health Inspection</b>		
<b>Food Safety</b>		
<b>Number of food service establishment inspections (by risk level)</b>		
High	398	704
Medium	2,865	3,240



<b>JUSTICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY</b>	<b>2021-2022</b>	<b>2022-2023</b>
Low	290	1067
Total food service establishments inspected	3,553	5,011
Licences issued	3,967	4,172
Licences revoked	1	5
Food handlers trained	7	46
<b>Agri-Food Services</b>		
<b>Raw Milk Quality Program</b>		
Number of raw milk samples tested	2,040	3,000
<b>Dairy farm inspections</b>		
Number of routine dairy farm inspections	187	162
Number of follow-up, quality, and other inspections	233	212
Number of bulk tank milk graders inspections	37	11
Number of bulk milk tank truck inspections	32	14
<b>Water Quality</b>		
<b>Public drinking water supplies</b>		
Boil orders issued	107	82
<b>Private drinking water supplies</b>		
Private well owners contacted	540	339
<b>Recreational water quality</b>		
Number of sites monitored	52	33
Number of beaches closed	3	2
<b>Environmental Health and Community Sanitation</b>		
<b>On-site sewage disposal system</b>		
Application assessments	93	178
Inspections	92	178
<b>Air quality</b>		

<b>JUSTICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY</b>	<b>2021-2022</b>	<b>2022-2023</b>	
Indoor air quality investigations	13	2	
Housing complaint investigations	130	6	
<b>Institutional health</b>			
Special care home inspections	429	483	
Daycare inspections	512	693	
<b>Smoke-free Places Act</b>			
Complaints investigated	14	22	
<b>OFFICE OF SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT</b>			
Total caseload	10,182	9,648	
Average caseload per enforcement officer	509	482	
Payment transactions processed	\$53,559,000	\$52,721,000	
Payments toward support accounts	\$51,129,000	\$51,859,000	
Payments toward Minister of Finance (social assistance client)	\$2,430,000	\$862,000	
Total obligations due	\$56,489,000	\$57,225,000	
Collection rate	95%	92%	
<b>POLICING, FIREARMS AND CORONER SERVICES</b>			
<b>FIREARMS</b>			
Shooting ranges inspected	4	35	
Shooting ranges meeting the provincial standard	4	33	
Ranges requiring re-inspection	-	2	
Firearm safety training	3,949	5,339	
Firearm transfers reviewed	1,647	2,363	
<b>CORONER SERVICES</b>			
	<b>CALENDAR YEAR</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
Sudden and unexpected death investigations initiated		1,709	2,029 <sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Preliminary figure. Finalized number to be reported in 2022 Annual Report from Office of the Chief Coroner.

<b>SECURITY AND EMERGENCIES</b>	<b>2021-2022</b>	<b>2022-2023</b>
<b>EMERGENCY MEASURES ORGANIZATION</b>		
Emergency plans registered with NB EMO (of 104 municipalities)	103	103
Planning assistance provided to communities	148	295
Exercises conducted involving communities, institutions, industry, and agencies	1	2
Participants in emergency management training courses	90	248
Provincial Emergency Operation Centre activated (significant events)	4	4
Property owners reported damage	-	692
Property owners applied for Disaster Financial Assistance	-	388
<b>NB 9-1-1</b>		
Volume for 911 calls	236,744	243,038
Number of requests for 911 call investigations	93	69
Number of new civic addresses assigned in unincorporated areas of the province	2,260	2,002

<b>TECHNICAL SAFETY AND CORPORATE SERVICES</b>	<b>2021-2022</b>	<b>2022-2023</b>
<b>GAMING, LIQUOR AND SECURITY LICENSING</b>		
Liquor licences	2,172	2,269
Liquor permits	312	1,021
Charitable gaming licences	666	1,513
Charitable gaming permits	249	-
Film and video licences	302	284
Private investigator and security guard licences	2,109	2,651
Salvage dealer licences	95	96
Manufacturer licences	125	128
Registration of employees and suppliers in the gaming industry	462	677
Registration of video lottery site holders	186	186
<b>MOTOR VEHICLE SERVICES</b>		
Driver's licences (initial or renewal)	183,218	183,982
Helmets to Hardhats driver's licence exchanges	54	46
Identity cards (non-driving)	9,510	10,017
Vehicle registration	813,773	819,406
Motorcycle veteran plate	93	-
Vehicle registration reminder opt-out	24,405	23,916
Interlock clients	708	761
Dealers and inspection stations	2,298	2,274
Passenger vehicle driving schools	30	31
Commercial vehicle driving schools	10	7
Passenger vehicle driver instructor permit	118	100
Commercial vehicle driver instructor permit	23	24
Motorcycle driving schools	9	9
Motorcycle driver instructor permit	68	78

<b>TECHNICAL SAFETY AND CORPORATE SERVICES</b>	<b>2021-2022</b>	<b>2022-2023</b>
International Registration Plan (IRP) audits completed	12	19
<b>OFFICE OF THE FIRE MARSHAL</b>		
Fires reported	3,122	3,067
Non-fire related responses	22,894	16,710
Fires investigated by regional fire marshals	155	147
Buildings inspected:		
By regional fire inspectors	2,865	2,977
By local assistants	3,470	4,752
Total of inspections	6,335	7,729
Building plans reviewed	395	397
Sprinkler system installations reviewed	72	72
Participants in provincially funded firefighter training courses	415	350
Provincial firefighter examinations	1,572	1,062
Volunteer firefighters	5,000	5,000
Emergency inspections during spring flood by regional fire inspectors	-	271
Incident reports recorded for analysis	26,016	19,777
<b>TECHNICAL INSPECTION SERVICES</b>		
Inspections completed	24,938	25,687
Plans reviewed and/or registered	1,434	1,427
Installation permits issued	22,489	25,727
Licences issued or renewed	13,607	13,725
Operating permits	19,681	19,142
Exams administered	2,024	2,159

## CRIME STATISTICS <sup>(1)</sup>

	2021	2022	% CHANGE
Crime rate	6,523	6,420	-1.6%
Percentage of crimes solved (clearance rate)	25%	26%	2.2%
Crime Severity Index <sup>(2)</sup>	87	86	-1.5%
Adult crime rate	1,327	1,358	2.4%
Youth crime rate	2,161	2,539	17.5%
Violent crime rate	1,742	1,737	-0.3%
Percentage of violent crimes solved (clearance rate)	39%	38%	-2.6%
Property crime rate	3,647	3,600	-1.3%
Percentage of property crimes solved (clearance rate)	12%	13%	8.8%
Motor vehicle theft rate	214	253	18.2%
Break and enter rate	457	422	-7.6%
Homicide rate	1.4	1.9	33.1%
Sexual assault rate	95	105	10.2%
Percentage of sexual assault crimes solved (clearance rate)	46%	42%	-8.8%
Luring a child via a computer rate	6.2	7.8	25.2%
Robbery rate	15	24	52.3%
Impaired driving rate	258	246	-4.5%

**Note:** Rates are calculated on the basis of 100,000 population

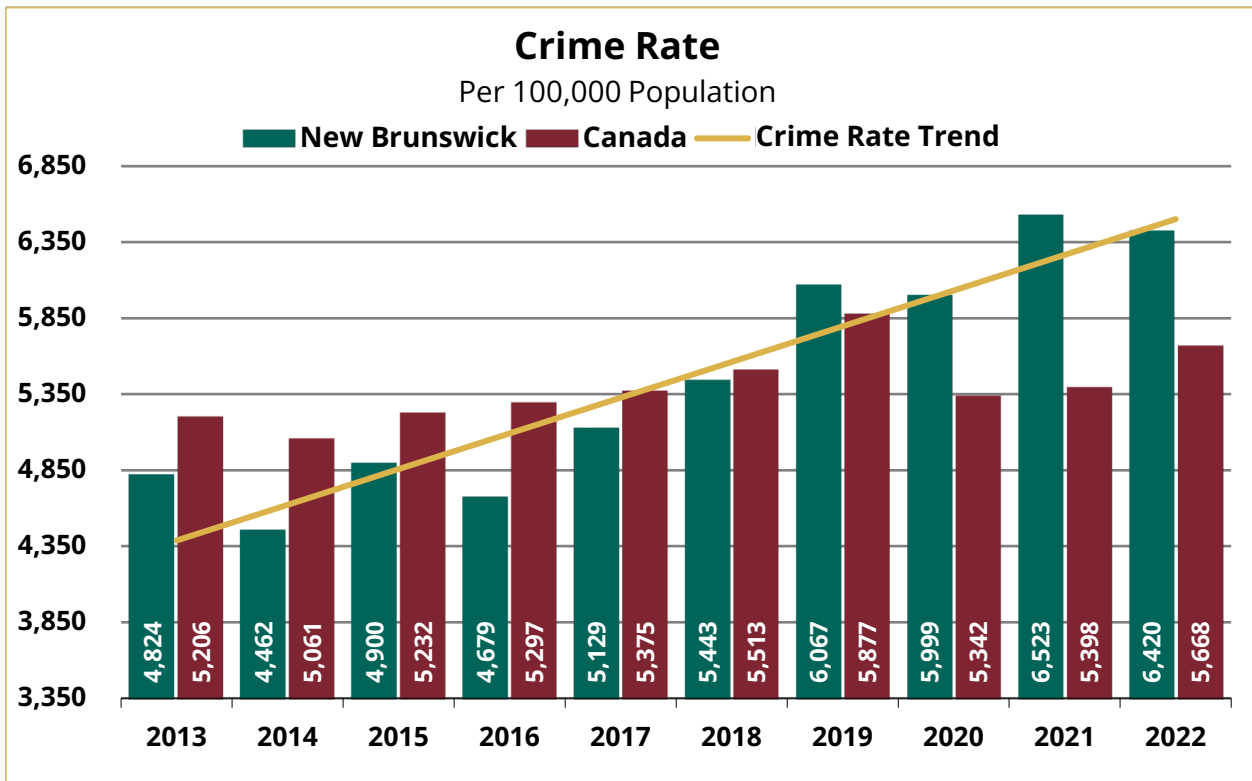
<sup>(1)</sup> Source: Statistics Canada. Table 35-10-0177-01 Incident-based crime statistics, by detailed violations

<sup>(2)</sup> Source: Statistics Canada. Table 35-10-0026-01 Crime severity index and weighted clearance rates

## CRIME RATE

New Brunswick ranking: fifth lowest in Canada

**Why it matters:** Crime rates affect the sense of security that people have about their communities. These rates can also influence business investment and residential development.



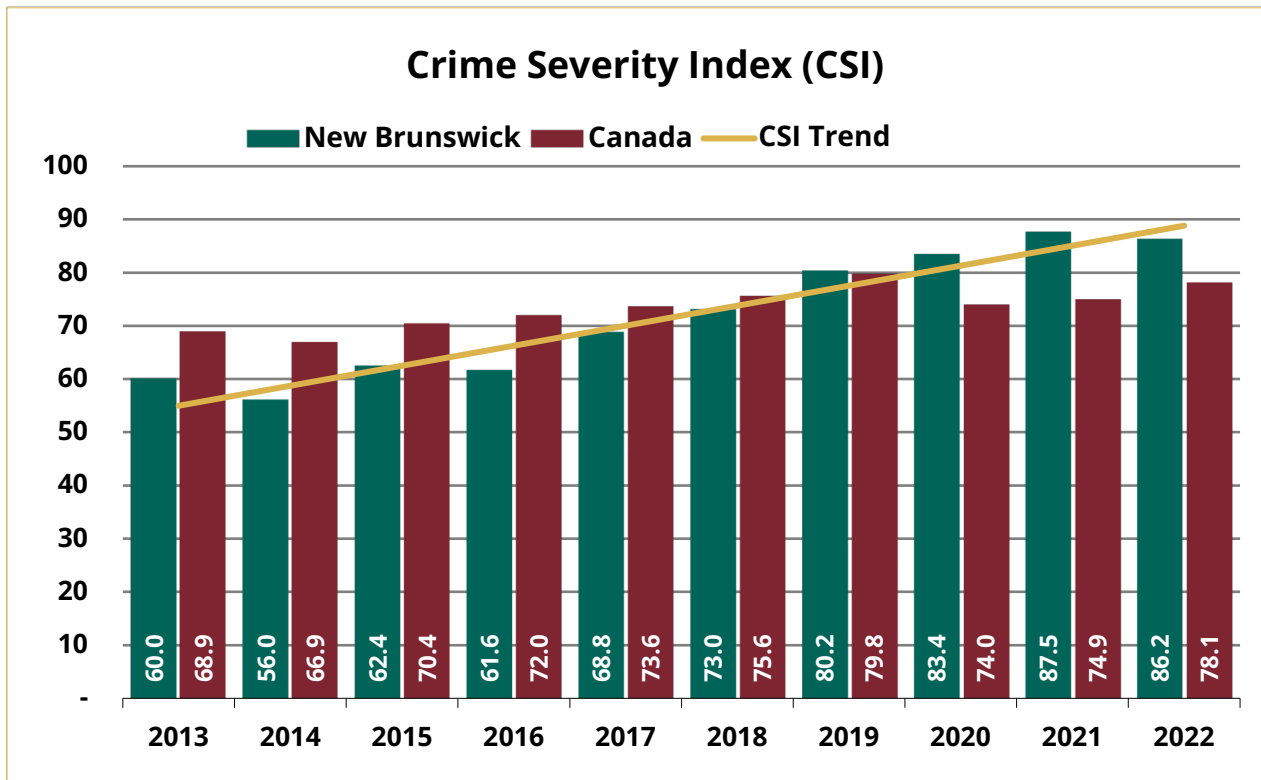
In 2022, the New Brunswick crime rate was 6,420 per 100,000 population. New Brunswick was fifth among the provinces for lowest rates of crime.

To be understood fully, crime rates need to be looked at during a period of years. Several factors can influence the crime rate, including whether crime is reported to police, police enforcement practices, changes to legislation and actual (real) reductions in crime.

## CRIME SEVERITY INDEX

New Brunswick ranking: sixth lowest in Canada

**Why it matters:** The Crime Severity Index track changes in the severity of police-reported crime from year to year. It does so by taking into account not only the change in volume of a particular crime, but also the relative seriousness of that crime in comparison to other crimes. The Crime Severity Index helps answer such questions as: is the crime coming to the attention of police more or less serious than before; and is police-reported crime in a given city or province more or less serious than in Canada overall?

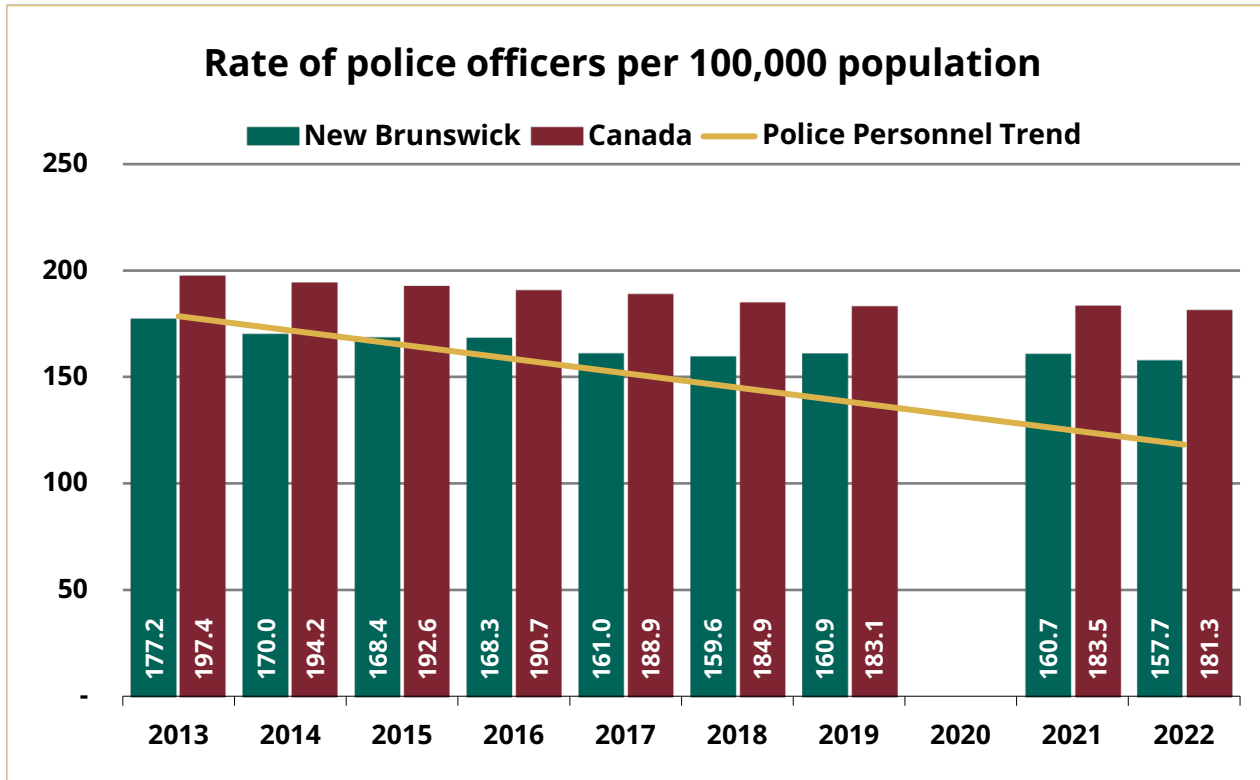


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## TRENDS IN POLICE PERSONNEL

New Brunswick ranking: second lowest in Canada



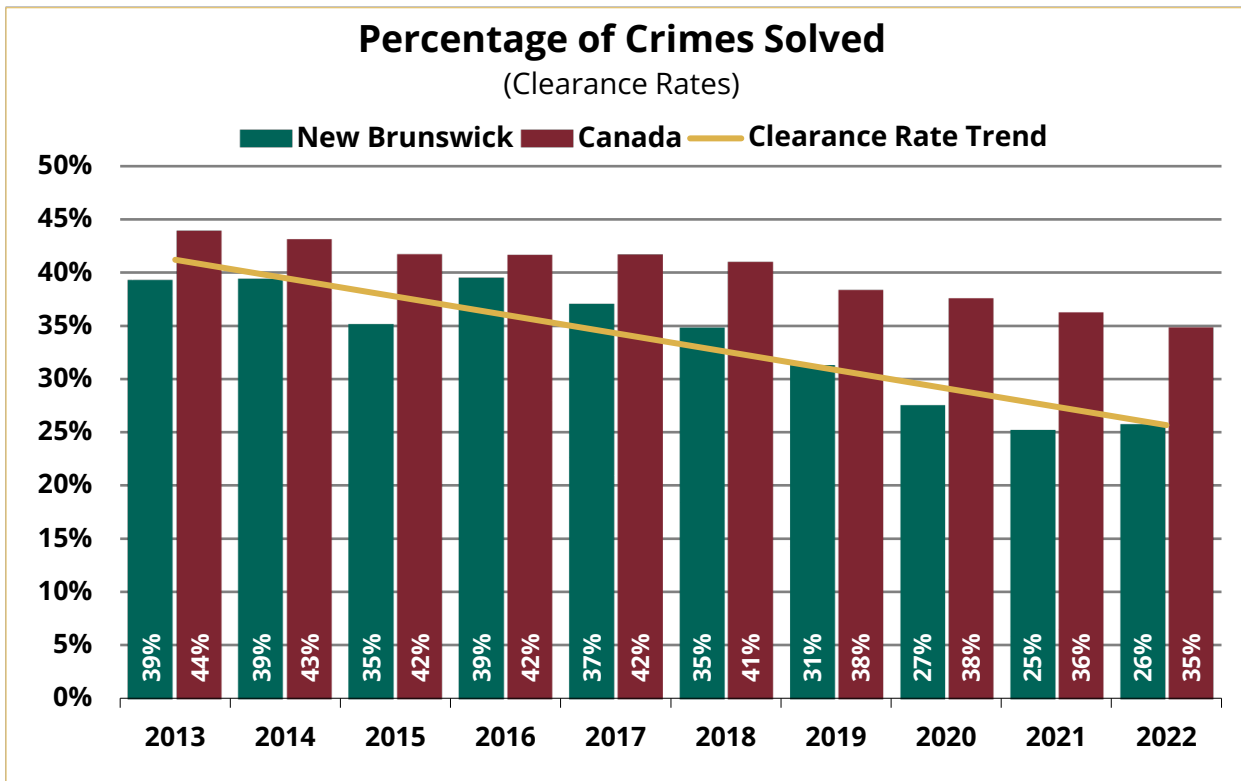
The Police Administration Survey was not conducted in 2020.

Source: Statistics Canada. Table 35-10-0076-01 Police personnel and selected crime statistics

## PERCENTAGE OF CRIMES SOLVED (CLEARANCE RATES)

New Brunswick ranking: third lowest in Canada

**Why it matters:** Clearance rates are a measure of crimes solved by the police. A high clearance rate means that police are finding and arresting people who commit crimes.



Source: Statistics Canada. Table 35-10-0177-01 Incident-based crime statistics, by detailed violations