## Age pyramids of New Brunswick

- Age pyramids show the age and sex structure of a population. The age-sex composition of New Brunswick's population has changed considerably over time. The charts to the right reflect how the distribution has shifted over the last 50 years.
- According to the 2016 Census, the proportion of seniors aged 65 years and over increased in every province and territory compared to their share in 2011. This acceleration of population aging is the result of the first baby boomers turning 65 in 2011.
- The baby boom generation includes those born from 1946 to 1965. The impact this group has had on the younger and older ages can be seen over time. In 1966, this cohort was under 21 years of age and made up $46.1 \%$ of the total population. In 2016, 30.8\% of New Brunswickers were baby boomers and were aged 51 to 70 years.
- The population aged 15 to 34 in 2016 is often referred to as the millennial population. This group is smaller than the baby boom generation, and in 2016 made up $21.8 \%$ of New Brunswick's total population.
- Animated age pyramids for Canada, the provinces and territories can be found on Statistics Canada's website.

Age distribution, N.B., 1966


Source: Statistics Canada, census of population, 1966
Age distribution, N.B., 1991


Source: Statistics Canada, census of population, 1991
Age distribution, N.B., 2016


Source: Statistics Canada, census of population, 2016

