

Almost 30,000 children in the province living in low-income households

This article focuses on persons who were younger than 18 at the time of the 2016 Census and living in low-income households. It uses the [low-income measure, after tax \(LIM-AT\)](#) to classify persons by income status.

- There were approximately 124,000 New Brunswickers living in a low-income household in 2015. Just under 30,000 (23.6%) of these low-income persons were children younger than 18 years of age.
- While children made up a smaller proportion of the low-income population, the incidence of living in a low-income household was higher for them than it was for adults. In 2015, 22.2% of children younger than 18 in the province lived in a low-income household compared to 16.0% of adults aged 18 and older.
- Younger children were more likely to experience low income than older children. One in four (25.1%) children younger than 6 lived in a low-income household compared to nearly one in five (19.4%) children aged 11 to 17. In addition, 22.9% of children aged 6 to 10 lived in a low-income household.
- Among the urban centres, Campbellton had the highest rate of children younger than 18 living in low-income households (27.8%) and Moncton had the lowest (20.3%).

Low-income status for population in private households, based on the low-income measure, after tax (LIM-AT), N.B. CMA/CA, 2015								
	New Brunswick	Moncton CMA	Saint John CMA	Fredericton CA	Bathurst CA	Miramichi CA	Edmundston CA	Campbellton CA*
Total - Population in private households to whom low-income concepts are applicable								
Total - Age	722,550	141,480	123,520	98,840	30,130	26,170	22,310	13,920
0 to 17 years	131,930	27,290	24,655	19,485	4,550	4,525	3,715	2,180
0 to 5 years	40,900	8,750	7,580	6,370	1,290	1,375	1,090	645
6 to 10 years	37,485	7,865	7,130	5,525	1,235	1,280	1,095	620
11 to 17 years	53,545	10,665	9,945	7,585	2,030	1,875	1,525	910
18 years and over	590,620	114,190	98,865	79,355	25,580	21,645	18,595	11,740
Persons in low income								
Total - Age	123,820	21,865	20,645	15,295	5,630	4,315	4,060	3,040
0 to 17 years	29,250	5,530	5,695	4,015	1,015	1,005	790	605
0 to 5 years	10,285	1,995	2,000	1,435	370	405	280	215
6 to 10 years	8,585	1,650	1,720	1,165	260	290	250	180
11 to 17 years	10,375	1,880	1,975	1,415	385	315	265	205
18 years and over	94,570	16,335	14,950	11,280	4,615	3,310	3,270	2,435
Prevalence of low income (%)								
Total - Age	17.1	15.5	16.7	15.5	18.7	16.5	18.2	21.8
0 to 17 years	22.2	20.3	23.1	20.6	22.3	22.2	21.3	27.8
0 to 5 years	25.1	22.8	26.4	22.5	28.7	29.5	25.7	33.3
6 to 10 years	22.9	21.0	24.1	21.1	21.1	22.7	22.8	29.0
11 to 17 years	19.4	17.6	19.9	18.7	19.0	16.8	17.4	22.5
18 years and over	16.0	14.3	15.1	14.2	18.0	15.3	17.6	20.7
*includes part in Quebec								
Source: Statistics Canada, 2016 Census of Population, Catalogue no. 98-400-X2016126								