

Census metropolitan area of Saint John, New Brunswick

In 2015-2016, residents aged 12 and over of the Saint John, New Brunswick census metropolitan area (CMA), reported information related to their health in the Canadian Community Health Survey. A selection of health indicators that provide data for this CMA appear below. The data are also compared to the data for New Brunswick and for Canada (i.e. the national average).

Comparisons indicate if the difference between estimates is statistically significant ($p < 0.05$). “Higher” means the difference observed is significantly higher, “lower” means the difference is significantly lower and “similar” means the difference is not statistically significant.

Well-Being

- Perceived health, very good or excellent: 58.9%; similar to New Brunswick (56.3%); and similar to the national average (61.5%).
- Perceived mental health, very good or excellent: 68.0%; similar to New Brunswick (66.3%); and similar to the national average (71.6%).
- Perceived life stress, quite a bit or extremely stressful: 20.1%; similar to New Brunswick (18.7%); and similar to the national average (21.5%).

Health conditions

- Body mass index, adjusted self-reported, adult (18 years and over), overweight: 38.6%; similar to New Brunswick (34.4%); and similar to the national average (35.8%).
- Body mass index, adjusted self-reported, adult (18 years and over), obese: 34.5%; similar to New Brunswick (38.7%); and higher than the national average (26.3%).

Health behaviours

- Fruit and vegetable consumption, 5 times or more per day: 27.8%; similar to New Brunswick (27.0%); and similar to the national average (30.8%).
- Self-reported physical activity, 150 minutes per week, adult (18 years and over): 53.3%; similar to New Brunswick (49.7%); and similar to the national average (57.7%).
- Self-reported physical activity, average 60 minutes per day, youth (12 to 17 years old): 65.6%; similar to New Brunswick (52.9%); and similar to the national average (59.8%).
- Heavy drinking: 19.8%; similar to New Brunswick (18.8%); and similar to the national average (19.1%).
- Current smoker, daily or occasional: 22.7%; similar to New Brunswick (18.2%); and similar to the national average (17.4%).

Health system

- Has a regular healthcare provider: 89.6%; similar to New Brunswick (90.6%); and higher than the national average (83.6%).
- Contact with a medical doctor: 72.1%; similar to New Brunswick (77.1%); and similar to the national average (73.4%).
- Overall quality of the last consultation with a health professional, very good or excellent: 76.1%; similar to New Brunswick (79.5%); and similar to the national average (77.6%).
- Consultation with a health professional about emotional or mental health: 14.3%;¹ similar to New Brunswick (15.9%); and similar to the national average (14.2%).
- Influenza immunization: 39.6%; similar to New Brunswick (37.6%); and higher than the national average (32.4%).

Personal resources

- Life satisfaction, satisfied or very satisfied: 89.0%; similar to New Brunswick (91.6%); and lower than the national average (92.9%).
- Sense of belonging to local community, somewhat strong or very strong: 67.0%; similar to New Brunswick (71.2%); and similar to the national average (68.4%).

Notes

CMA: Area consisting of one or more adjacent municipalities situated around a major urban core. A census metropolitan area must have a total population of at least 100,000 of which 50,000 or more must live in the core.

1. Use with caution: data with a coefficient of variation (CV) from 15.1% to 35.0%.