

Lower Dependence on Employment Income Among Older Age Groups

- Data from the 2011 National Household Survey showed that employment income in 2010 represented 87.9% of the total income of New Brunswickers 25 to 54 years of age, similar to the national proportion of 88.9%.
- After the age of 54, reliance on employment income drops off. For New Brunswickers aged 55 to 64 years, the percentage of total income earned from employment fell to 66.2%, while nationally the percentage fell to 71.7%.
- A sharp drop in the share of income from employment (to 16.8%) occurred for New Brunswickers 65 to 74 years of age when CPP/QPP and OAS benefits usually become available. The corresponding national share was 23.8%.
- By the age of 75, employment income accounted for less than 5% of total income, both provincially and nationally.

