

Seniors and the Very Old

- The 2006 Census counted 107,655 residents aged 65 and over in New Brunswick. Seniors made up 14.7% of the province's population, a sharp contrast to the situation 50 years ago when seniors made up 7.8% of the population.
- Nationally, the proportion of seniors represented a record 13.7% of the total population in 2006, up from 7.7% in 1956.
- More than a quarter of all seniors in New Brunswick were aged 80 or over in 2006. The proportion of people aged 80 and over in the 65-and-over population was 28.2% in 2006, up from 26.3% in 2001.
- The number of very elderly people in New Brunswick (those aged 80 and over) rose from just over 26,000 in 2001 to 30,305 in 2006. In Canada, there were 1.2 million people included in this group in 2006, the first time the very elderly topped the one million mark.
- Almost two-thirds of the very elderly in the province were women (65.3%), as they have a higher life expectancy than men. Nationally, women comprised 64.6% of the population aged 80 and over.
- New Brunswick counted 140 centenarians (those aged 100 and older) at the time of the 2006 Census, similar to the count in 2001. Nationwide in 2006, there were 4,635 people aged 100 or older, up more than 22% from five years earlier.

