

The Number of High Income Earners Climbs

Earnings refer to the income from employment, that is, wages and salaries as well as net income from self-employment.

Full-time, full-year earners are those that worked 49 to 52 weeks during the year preceding the census, for 30 hours or more per week.

Unless otherwise specified, data below focuses on the median earnings of full-time, full-year earners. All dollar figures are expressed in 2005 constant dollars.

- According to the 2006 Census, 199,000 New Brunswickers were employed on a full-time basis for the full year in 2005. Their median earnings (in 2005 constant dollars) edged up from \$34,763 in 2000 to \$35,288 in 2005.
- More than 13,500 individuals in the province (or 6.8% of full-time, full-year earners) were paid at least \$80,000 in 2005. This was an increase from about 11,300 people (or 6.0%) in 2000.
- New Brunswickers with median earnings exceeding \$100,000 in 2005 were concentrated in three occupations: specialist physicians, dentists and general practitioners/family physicians.
- Individual earnings increased substantially in some occupations in the province between 2000 and 2005. The median earnings of machine operators and related workers in chemical, plastic and rubber processing increased 39.5%, the fastest increase of all occupations at the 3-digit level. Median earnings of nurse supervisors and registered nurses increased 27.1%, while those of judges and lawyers had a gain of 25.5%.

