

Employment income is principal source of total income

The total income for the population in private households can be broken down into two main components, market income and government transfers. Refer to [income concepts](#) for more information.

- The main component of market income is employment income. In 2015, 68.3% of New Brunswickers 15 years of age and over had some employment income. Nationally, 71.3% earned income from employment.
- The median employment income in the province in 2015 was \$29,124, up from \$25,497 in 2005. The median employment income among men in 2015 was \$10,000 higher than that of women—at \$34,784 and \$24,769 respectively. In Canada, the corresponding levels were higher—at \$39,836 for men and \$28,474 for women—and the income gap between the two was slightly wider (\$11,400).
- Government transfers made up a small percentage of total income in 2015 (16.9%) compared to market income (83.1%). Nevertheless, seven of 10 New Brunswickers (70.9%) received some form of government transfers with a median amount of \$8,164. Nationally, 68.9% of Canadians received income from government transfers with a median amount of \$5,453.

Composition of total income for the population aged 15 years and over in 2015, Canada and N.B.						
Income sources and taxes (1)	New Brunswick			Canada		
	Number of people with an amount	% of population with an amount	Median amount (\$) (2)	Number of people with an amount	% of population with an amount	Median amount (\$) (2)
Total - With and without an amount	620,390	100.0		28,642,980	100.0	
Total income	594,705	95.9	30,961	27,488,525	96.0	34,204
Market income	516,780	83.3	28,444	24,583,320	85.8	32,762
Employment income	423,915	68.3	29,124	20,428,685	71.3	33,684
Wages, salaries and commissions	400,445	64.5	30,127	18,807,350	65.7	35,569
Net self-employment income	42,945	6.9	5,560	3,014,500	10.5	6,708
Investment income	120,935	19.5	428	8,501,490	29.7	773
Private retirement income	102,765	16.6	16,394	4,185,240	14.6	16,347
Market income not included elsewhere	80,575	13.0	2,001	4,409,465	15.4	1,472
Government transfers	439,645	70.9	8,164	19,743,240	68.9	5,453
OAS/GIS benefits	134,285	21.6	6,810	5,008,365	17.5	6,806
CPP/QPP benefits	188,790	30.4	6,618	6,651,000	23.2	7,422
Employment Insurance benefits	100,855	16.3	7,283	2,520,735	8.8	5,622
Child benefits	79,915	12.9	3,560	3,882,455	13.6	3,843
Other government transfers	263,420	42.5	413	13,588,290	47.4	626
After-tax income	594,920	95.9	28,107	27,499,185	96.0	30,866
Income taxes	402,910	64.9	5,598	19,207,575	67.1	6,313

(1) Refer to Statistics Canada's website for more information on income sources and taxes.
(2) Median incomes of individuals are calculated for those with income (positive or negative).

Source: Statistics Canada, 2016 Census of Population, Catalogue no. 98-400-X2016113