

New Brunswick's working-age population declines

- Fifty years ago in New Brunswick, there were more than two people about to join the labour force (between 15 and 24 years of age) for each person that was close to retirement and about to leave the labour force (between 55 and 64 years).
- In 2016, for the third consecutive census, there were fewer younger New Brunswickers aged 15 to 24 (82,050) than older New Brunswickers aged 55 to 64 (119,800).
- Between 2011 and 2016, New Brunswick recorded the biggest decline in the country in the working-age population (-5.1%). In 2016, people aged 15 to 64 numbered 487,820 and represented 65.3% of the provincial population; this was down from their share of 68.4% in 2011.
- Nationally, the proportion of the population aged 15 to 64 fell from 68.5% in 2011 to 66.5% in 2016.

