

Different Generations of New Brunswickers

Generation status refers to whether a person or their parents were born in Canada.

First generation refers to people who were born outside Canada. For the most part, these are people who are now, or have ever been, immigrants to Canada.

Second generation includes individuals who were born in Canada and had at least one parent born outside Canada. For the most part, these are the children of immigrants.

Third generation or more refers to people who are born in Canada with both parents born in Canada.

- The 2011 National Household Survey showed there were 33,310 New Brunswickers who were born outside Canada and belonged to the first generation. They represented 4.5% of the total population in 2011. Of these first generation New Brunswickers, almost one-third (32.3% or 10,750 people) were visible minorities.
- Members of the second generation accounted for 5.9% of New Brunswick’s total population in 2011 and consisted of 43,455 people. Visible minorities represented 7.4% of this group.
- The largest group in the province included people who belonged to a third generation or more. They accounted for 89.6% of the total population or 659,070 individuals. Members of this group may have several generations of ancestors born in Canada, or their grandparents may have been born abroad. Visible minorities made up less than 1% of this group.
- Most visible minorities in New Brunswick were born outside Canada and belonged to the first generation. In 2011, 62.8% of the visible minority population belonged to the first generation, 18.8% were members of the second generation and the remaining 18.5% were third or higher generation New Brunswickers.

