

Moncton CMA Growth Exceeds National Average

A **census metropolitan area (CMA)** is an area with a total population of at least 100,000, including an urban core with a population of at least 50,000. Canada now has 33 CMAs, up from 27 in 2001. New Brunswick has two CMAs, Moncton and Saint John.

A mid-size urban centre, or **census agglomeration (CA)**, is an urban area that has an urban core with a population of at least 10,000, but is not a CMA. Canada has 111 CAs, down from 113 in 2001. New Brunswick has five CAs: Bathurst, Campbellton, Edmundston, Fredericton and Miramichi.

- Between 2001 and 2006, the vast majority of Canada's population growth took place in census metropolitan areas (CMAs), with 31 of 33 CMAs posting increases.
- Moncton was the only CMA in the Atlantic provinces whose growth rate (+6.5%) surpassed the national average (+5.4%). It now has a larger population than any other urban centre in New Brunswick (126,424).
- The Saint John CMA was one of only two CMAs in Canada (Saguenay, Quebec was the other) to experience a loss in population between 2001 and 2006.
- The Fredericton CA was the only mid-size urban centre in the province to post growth between 2001 and 2006.

