

### Provincial Share of Country's Population Declines

- New Brunswick's share of the national population has fallen over time. In 1971, 2.9% of Canada's population lived in the province. By 2006, that proportion had fallen to 2.3%.
- Over this 35-year period, only three provinces increased their population share of the Canadian total: Ontario, Alberta and British Columbia.
- Quebec experienced the greatest decrease in its population share, accounting for 23.9% of Canada's total population in 2006, down from 28.0% in 1971.
- The majority of Canada's population continues to reside in Ontario. Over 12 million people were enumerated there at the time of the 2006 Census, accounting for nearly two-fifths (38.5%) of the country's population.

