

**Almost One in Six New Brunswickers in Low Income**

Low-income individuals are identified using the after-tax low-income measure ([LIM-AT](#)). In 2010, individuals were defined as having low income if their after-tax household income fell below 50% of the median adjusted household after-tax income. For this analysis, [income status](#) refers to the position of a person in relation to this low-income line.

The [LIM-AT threshold](#) for a single person in 2010 was \$19,460. For any other household size, the threshold is equal to the single-person threshold multiplied by the square root of the household size. For example, the LIM-AT threshold for a household with three members is \$33,706.

For the purposes of low-income statistics, households in the territories and in First Nations communities were excluded. In New Brunswick, 7,965 persons in private households were excluded in 2010. The use of a statistic based only on money income could be misleading in areas where there are substantial in-kind transfers or non-cash activities.

- According to data from the 2011 National Household Survey, approximately 125,000 New Brunswickers (17.2%) lived in households with income below the after-tax low-income measure in 2010. This was above the national rate of 14.9% (4.8 million Canadians).
- Just under 30,000 New Brunswick children less than 18 years of age lived in low income in 2010 (21.1%). The incidence was lower nationally at 17.3%.
- One in five New Brunswick seniors 65 years of age and over lived in low income in 2010 (19.9%) compared to nearly one in eight Canadian seniors (13.4%).

<b>Population and income status based on after-tax low-income measure (LIM-AT) in 2010, Canada and New Brunswick</b>		
	<b>Canada</b>	<b>New Brunswick</b>
<b>Population in private households for income status</b>	<b>32,386,170</b>	<b>727,865</b>
Less than 18 years	6,726,315	138,175
Less than 6 years	2,181,280	42,865
18 to 64 years	21,141,920	475,755
65 years and over	4,517,930	113,940
<b>Number in low income (based on LIM-AT)</b>	<b>4,812,120</b>	<b>124,880</b>
Less than 18 years	1,162,785	29,175
Less than 6 years	394,595	9,730
18 to 64 years	3,044,390	73,050
65 years and over	604,940	22,660
<b>Proportion in low income (based on LIM-AT) (%)</b>	<b>14.9</b>	<b>17.2</b>
Less than 18 years	17.3	21.1
Less than 6 years	18.1	22.7
18 to 64 years	14.4	15.4
65 years and over	13.4	19.9

Source: Statistics Canada, National Household Survey, 2011.