

### Most New Brunswick Dwellings Are Owned

A **dwelling** refers to the physical attributes of a set of living quarters. Dwellings can be collective (refers to dwellings used for commercial, institutional or communal purposes, such as hotels, hospitals, or jails) or private (refers to a set of living quarters designed for human habitation in which a person or group of persons reside or could reside).

Information below pertains to occupied private dwellings.

NOTE: Distributions may not add to 100% due to rounding.

- Of the approximately 296,000 dwellings in the province in 2006, three-quarters (75.5% or 223,375) were owned by New Brunswickers. Renter households accounted for 24.1% or 71,240 of all dwellings, while less than one per cent of households (1,350) were on reserve.
- In 2006, 37.6% of New Brunswick households reported that two or more persons were contributing to the shelter payments (such as the mortgage, rent, taxes and electricity). Among the provinces, the incidence of households reporting more than one maintainer was highest in Prince Edward Island (43.2% of all households) and lowest in Quebec (33.2%).
- Almost four in 10 households in the province (38.3%) reported having a female primary maintainer in 2006. Results were similar at the national level.
- Household maintainers in New Brunswick aged 55 to 64 had the highest rate of home ownership of all age groups, with 84.4% owning their home. Not surprisingly, household maintainers under 25 years of age accounted for 75.4% of tenant-occupied households.

