

Seniors outnumber children

- The number of seniors has rapidly increased since 2011, the year the first baby boomers turned 65. As a result, 2016 marked the first time in census history that more seniors than children were enumerated in Canada. Seniors 65 years of age and older (5.9 million) made up 16.9% of the Canadian population and children 14 years of age and younger (5.8 million) made up 16.6%.
- In New Brunswick, however, the number of seniors surpassed the number of children for the first time in the 2011 Census. This trend continued into 2016, with all provinces east of Manitoba as well as British Columbia reporting more seniors aged 65 and over than children aged 14 and under.
- Seniors accounted for 19.9% of New Brunswick's population in 2016—tied with Nova Scotia for the oldest population in the country and up from 16.5% in 2011. The number of New Brunswick seniors rose to 148,785, a 20.3% increase from five years earlier. The number of children in the province continued to decline, falling to 110,495 in 2016 (a 2.7% decline from 2011) and representing 14.8% of the total population.

