

Almost half of New Brunswickers have college or university education

[Educational attainment](#) refers to the highest level of education that a person has successfully completed. The [highest certificate, diploma or degree](#) is the classification used in the census to measure this concept.

- In 2016, nearly half (48.2%) of New Brunswick’s adult population aged 25 to 64 had either college or university qualifications. 26.1% of New Brunswickers had a college certificate or diploma, 1.9% had a university certificate below bachelor’s degree and 20.2% had a bachelor’s degree or higher.
- In addition, 9.4% of the adult population had an apprenticeship or other trades certificate, while 28.5% had a high school diploma. The remaining 13.9% of New Brunswickers had no certificate, diploma or degree.
- Nationally, 54.0% of Canadians aged 25 to 64 had either college or university qualifications. 22.4% had a college diploma, 3.1% had a university certificate below bachelor’s degree and 28.5% had a bachelor’s degree or higher. A further 10.8% had an apprenticeship or other trades certificate, 23.7% had a high school diploma and 11.5% had no certificate, diploma or degree.

Educational attainment for the population aged 25 to 64, N.B. and Canada, 2016				
Highest level of educational attainment	New Brunswick		Canada	
	Number	%	Number	%
Total - Highest certificate, diploma or degree	400,780	100.0	18,931,385	100.0
No certificate, diploma or degree	55,640	13.9	2,169,790	11.5
Secondary (high) school diploma or equivalency certificate	114,330	28.5	4,494,590	23.7
Trades certificate or diploma other than Certificate of Apprenticeship or Certificate of Qualification	19,905	5.0	1,145,035	6.0
Certificate of Apprenticeship or Certificate of Qualification	17,810	4.4	897,390	4.7
College, CEGEP or other non-university certificate or diploma	104,595	26.1	4,241,985	22.4
University certificate or diploma below bachelor level	7,680	1.9	580,885	3.1
Bachelor’s degree	57,560	14.4	3,590,080	19.0
University certificate or diploma above bachelor level	5,160	1.3	362,460	1.9
Degree in medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine or optometry	2,190	0.5	153,290	0.8
Master’s degree	13,730	3.4	1,120,190	5.9
Earned doctorate	2,190	0.5	175,685	0.9

Source: Statistics Canada, 2016 Census of Population, Highlight tables