

The Number of Children Aged 0-4 Years Increases

- For the first time in 50 years, the number of children aged 4 and under increased in all provinces and territories between 2006 and 2011. In New Brunswick, this group increased 6.1% (rising from 34,430 to 36,530), influenced by increased fertility and a relatively stable number of women aged 20 to 29.
- In Canada, the number of children aged 4 and under increased 11.0% between 2006 and 2011, the highest growth rate for this age group since the 1956-to-1961 period during the baby boom.
- The number of children in the province aged 14 and under continued to decline, falling from 118,255 in 2006 to 113,575 in 2011, and representing 15.1% of the total population. For all of Canada, this proportion fell to 16.7%.
- Two of New Brunswick's three largest centres bucked the trend of declining youth. Both Fredericton and Moncton reported increases in the number of children aged 14 years and younger, up 6.3% and 6.1% respectively from 2006. The province's youngest municipality was the town of Oromocto, with 22.7% of its population under the age of 15.
- Overall, females outnumbered their male counterparts and maintained a slightly larger share of New Brunswick's total population. However, up to age 25, there were slightly more males than females in each 5-year age group.

