

**People About to Enter the Labour Force are Fewer than Those About to Leave It**

- In 2011, the working-age population (those aged 15 to 64) represented 68.4% of New Brunswick’s total population. This was below the 2006 proportion of 69.1%.
- Census data showed that there were more people in the 55-64 year age group (those people typically about to leave the labour force), than in the 15-24 year age group (those people typically about to enter it).
- In New Brunswick, the 2011 Census counted 114,010 people aged 55 to 64 compared to 90,430 people aged 15 to 24.
- In 2001, for every person aged 55 to 64, there were 1.34 people in the age group 15 to 24. By 2011, this ratio had fallen below one, to 0.79.
- As the baby boomers move into retirement, the working-age population as a proportion of the total population is expected to decrease.

