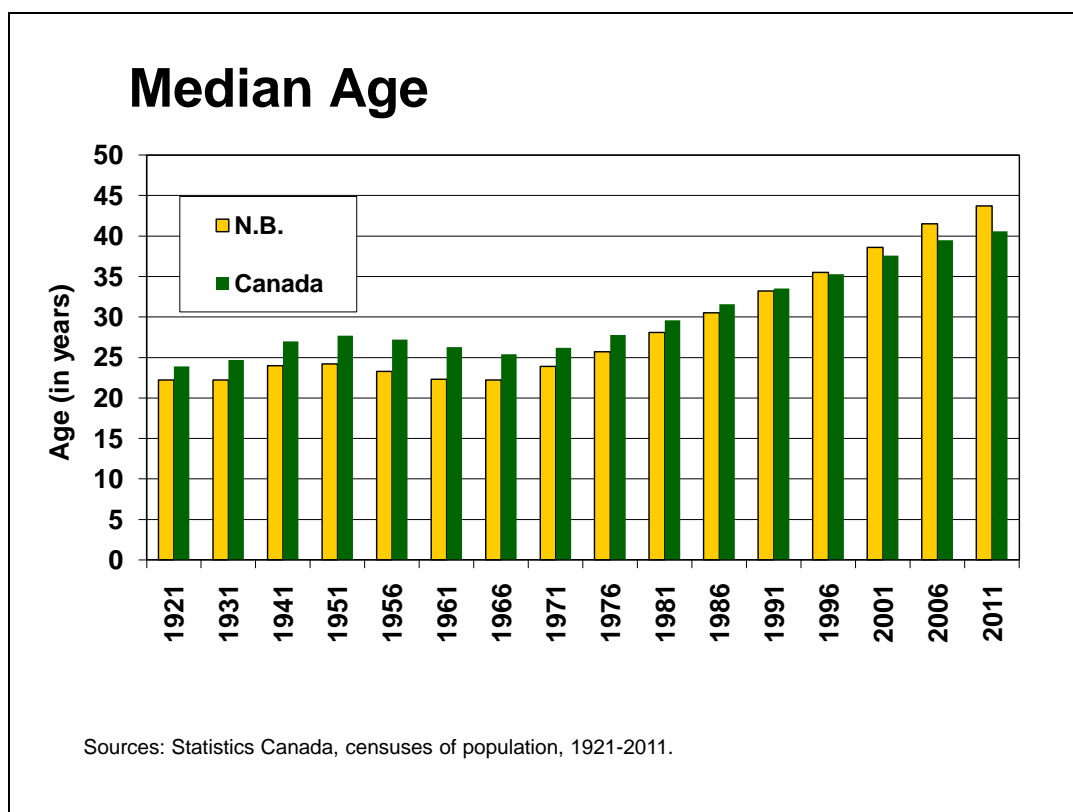


The Median Age Continues to Rise

The **median age** is the exact age that divides a population into two equal groups of the same size; one group is younger than this age and the other group is older.

- Historically, New Brunswick’s median age has been younger than the median age in Canada. However, this changed in 1996 when New Brunswick’s median age of 35.5 years edged up past Canada’s median age of 35.3 years.
- New Brunswick’s median age has risen steadily, reaching 43.7 years in 2011, an increase of 5.1 years from 2001.
- While younger than the median age of New Brunswickers, the median age of Canada’s population hit an all-time high of 40.6 years in 2011. This was up from 37.6 years in 2001.



	1961	1966	1971	1976	1981	1986	1991	1996	2001	2006	2011
Canada	26.3	25.4	26.2	27.8	29.6	31.6	33.5	35.3	37.6	39.5	40.6
N.B.	22.3	22.2	23.9	25.7	28.1	30.5	33.2	35.5	38.6	41.5	43.7