

### Nearly one-third of all couples had fairly equal incomes

- There were 186,680 married or common-law couples in New Brunswick in 2016. Among the vast majority of these couples (95.9%), each partner received some form of income in 2015.
- Although one partner often received substantially more than the other, the incomes of nearly one-third of couples were relatively equal. In 2015, 32.4% of couples in New Brunswick had fairly equal incomes between the two spouses or partners. (Fairly equal income is where no spouse or partner receives more than 60% of the couple’s total income).
- Men are more likely to be the higher income recipient. While partner’s incomes were fairly equal in one-third of couples, a man had higher income in 51.9% of couples and a woman had higher income in the remaining 15.7% of couples.
- The combined median total income of couples in New Brunswick was \$76,064 in 2015. The higher income partner had a median income of \$50,904, more than double that of the lower income partner (\$22,739). Couples’ median total income was higher in Saint John in 2015 than it was in Moncton.

