

## Labour force status of New Brunswickers in 2016

The [labour force](#) refers to persons who were either [employed](#) or [unemployed](#) during the week of Sunday, May 1 to Saturday, May 7, 2016. Consult the 2016 Census Dictionary for definitions of [not in the labour force](#), [participation rate](#), [employment rate](#) and [unemployment rate](#).

- According to the 2016 Census, New Brunswick had 381,790 people aged 15 years and over in the labour force during the week of May 1 to May 7, 2016.
- Of these labour force participants, 339,045 were employed; men accounted for just over half (50.2%) while women comprised just under half (49.8%).
- The provincial unemployment rate in 2016 was 11.2%. The unemployment rate for females was significantly lower than the rate for males, at 8.5% and 13.7% respectively.
- By comparison, the unemployment rate nationally was 7.7% in 2016. The unemployment rate for females stood at 7.1% while that for males was 8.3%.
- Among New Brunswick's urban centres, Moncton had the lowest unemployment rate in 2016 at 8.0%, followed by Fredericton at 8.8%. The highest unemployment rate was in Campbellton at 15.5%.

### Labour force status by sex, Canada and N.B., 2016

Labour force status	Canada			New Brunswick		
	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females
Total population aged 15 years and over	28,643,020	13,990,430	14,652,585	620,390	301,650	318,745
In the labour force	18,672,475	9,731,830	8,940,645	381,790	197,005	184,790
Employed	17,230,040	8,923,540	8,306,490	339,045	170,050	168,995
Unemployed	1,442,435	808,285	634,150	42,745	26,950	15,795
Not in the labour force	9,970,545	4,258,605	5,711,945	238,600	104,645	133,955
Participation rate (%)	65.2	69.6	61.0	61.5	65.3	58.0
Employment rate (%)	60.2	63.8	56.7	54.7	56.4	53.0
Unemployment rate (%)	7.7	8.3	7.1	11.2	13.7	8.5

Source: Statistics Canada, 2016 Census of Population, Census Profile