

Six of ten New Brunswickers live inside a CMA or CA

A [census metropolitan area \(CMA\)](#) or a [census agglomeration \(CA\)](#) consists of one or more neighbouring municipalities situated around a core. Based on adjusted counts from the previous census, a CMA must have a total population of at least 100,000 of which 50,000 or more live in the core; a CA must have a core population of at least 10,000.

- According to the geographic boundaries of the 2016 Census, Canada has 35 CMAs and 117 CAs. The three largest CMAs—Toronto, Montréal and Vancouver—were home to more than one-third of all Canadians (35.5%) and had a combined population of 12.5 million.
- New Brunswick has two CMAs (Moncton and Saint John) and five CAs (Bathurst, Campbellton, Edmundston, Fredericton and Miramichi). In 2016, 62.6% of the province’s population (or 468,043 people) lived inside a CMA or CA, compared with 83.2% nationally.
- Moncton and Fredericton were the only areas to experience population growth between 2011 and 2016. The number of people living in the Moncton CMA rose 4.0% in 2016 (to 144,810), while the population in the Fredericton CA increased 3.5% to 101,760.
- The Campbellton CA, which straddles the New Brunswick—Quebec border, suffered the largest population decrease among all of Canada’s CAs, falling 9.3% to 15,746 in 2016.

