

Living arrangements of seniors

- Most seniors in New Brunswick reside in private dwellings. In 2016, 93.0% of the 148,785 seniors aged 65 years and older were living in a private dwelling compared to 7.0% that resided in a collective dwelling. Even among the 17,620 oldest seniors (those 85 years and over), more lived in private dwellings (12,385) than in collective dwellings (5,235).
- However, the proportion of New Brunswick seniors 65 years of age and older living in a private dwelling decreases with age. In 2016, their share fell from 37.0% for people aged 65-to-69 to 8.9% for those aged 85 and older.
- Conversely, the proportion of seniors living in a collective dwelling increases with age; their share jumped from 9.0% among the 65-to-69 age group to 50.5% among people aged 85 and older.
- Results were similar nationally. Seniors living in private dwellings saw their share fall from 35.4% among the 65-to-69 age group to 9.6% among people aged 85 and older.
- The share of Canadian seniors living in collective dwellings rose from 6.5% among young seniors 65-to-69 years of age to 54.2% among older seniors 85 years and older.

| Senior population by age group | Total | Private dwellings | Collective dwellings | Total | Private dwellings | Collective dwellings | Private dwellings | Collective dwellings |
|--------------------------------|---------|-------------------|----------------------|---------------------|-------------------|----------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| | Number | | | % of population 65+ | | | % by dwelling type | |
| 65 years and over | 148,785 | 138,410 | 10,375 | 100.0% | 93.0% | 7.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% |
| 65 to 69 years | 52,160 | 51,225 | 935 | 35.1% | 34.4% | 0.6% | 37.0% | 9.0% |
| 70 to 74 years | 36,045 | 35,080 | 965 | 24.2% | 23.6% | 0.6% | 25.3% | 9.3% |
| 75 to 79 years | 25,295 | 23,985 | 1,310 | 17.0% | 16.1% | 0.9% | 17.3% | 12.6% |
| 80 to 84 years | 17,650 | 15,730 | 1,920 | 11.9% | 10.6% | 1.3% | 11.4% | 18.5% |
| 85 years and over | 17,620 | 12,385 | 5,235 | 11.8% | 8.3% | 3.5% | 8.9% | 50.5% |

Source: Statistics Canada, 2016 Census of Population, Catalogue no. 98-400-X2016021