

Majority of dwellings require only regular maintenance

[Dwelling condition](#) refers to whether the dwelling is in need of repairs and is classified into three groups: needing regular maintenance only, needing minor repairs and needing major repairs. Dwellings in need of major repairs are considered an indicator of inadequate housing by housing organizations, including the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC). Adequate housing does not require any major repairs, as reported by residents.

- According to the 2016 Census, most dwellings require only regular maintenance. Of New Brunswick's 319,775 dwellings, 61.9% required regular maintenance such as painting or furnace cleaning.
- A further three out of 10 (29.8%) dwellings needed minor repairs, such as fixing loose floor tiles, bricks or shingles or repairing defective steps, railing or siding.
- A final one of 10 (8.3%) households reported that their dwelling was in need of major repairs, and thus were considered by CMHC to be inadequate housing. These dwellings had problems that compromised the dwelling structure or their major systems (heating, plumbing and electrical). One-quarter (24.9%) of these dwellings were renter households and almost three-quarters (72.8%) were owner households.
- Band housing includes households who live in a dwelling on an Indian reserve that has been provided to members of a First Nation or Indian band. Roughly one-third of band housing in the province required regular maintenance, one-third required minor repairs and the remaining one-third needed major repairs.

Dwelling condition and tenure, N.B., 2016				
Dwelling condition	Total - Tenure	Owner	Renter	Band housing
Total	319,775	238,040	79,865	1,865
Regular maintenance needed	197,955	144,335	53,005	615
Minor repairs needed	95,195	74,330	20,225	645
Major repairs needed	26,620	19,375	6,640	605
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Regular maintenance needed	61.9%	60.6%	66.4%	33.0%
Minor repairs needed	29.8%	31.2%	25.3%	34.6%
Major repairs needed	8.3%	8.1%	8.3%	32.4%

Source: Statistics Canada, 2016 Census of Population, Catalogue no. 98-400-X2016221