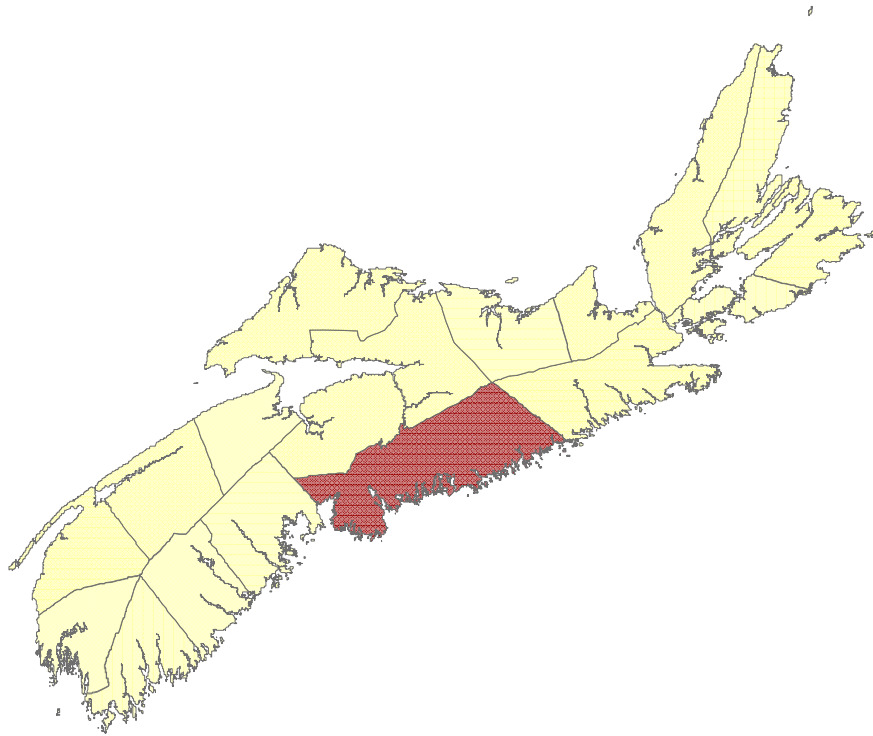


# Overview of Social & Economic Trends

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**Central Region**

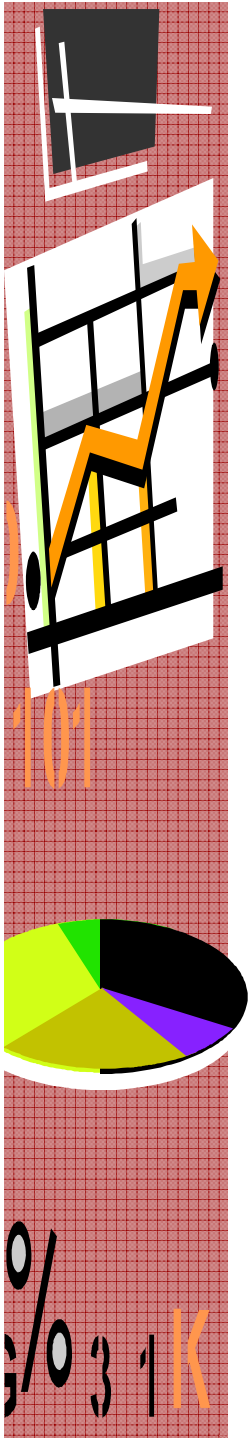
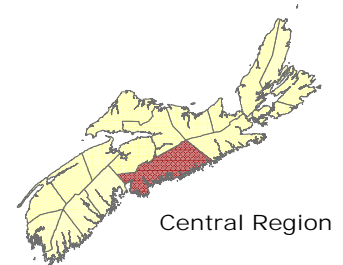
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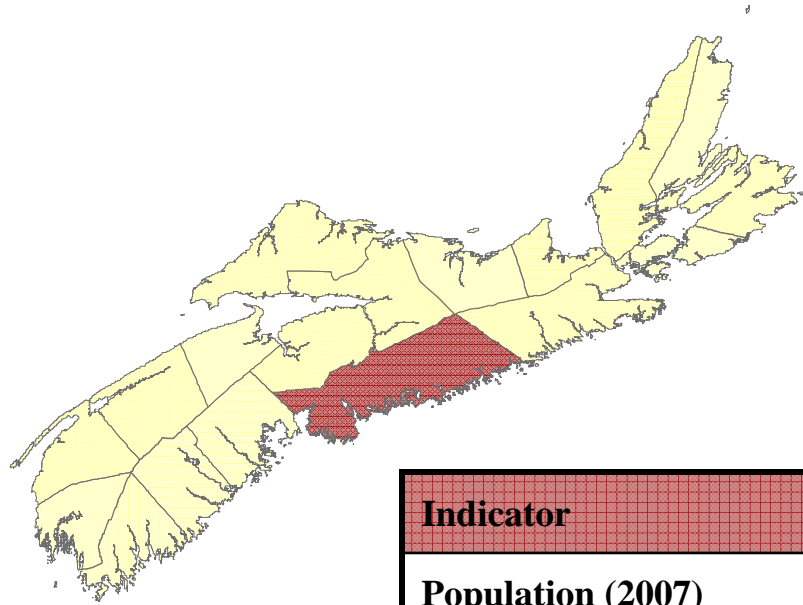
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- These slides were prepared to accompany a detailed presentation called “Social Trends in Nova Scotia 2007”
- They are intended to provide a general overview of social trends in the Central Region
- For further detail, or if you have any questions, please contact:

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## Overview – Central Region

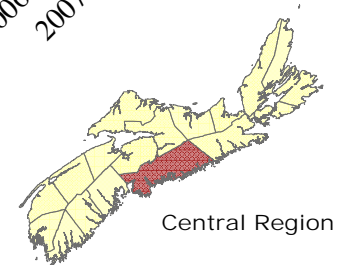
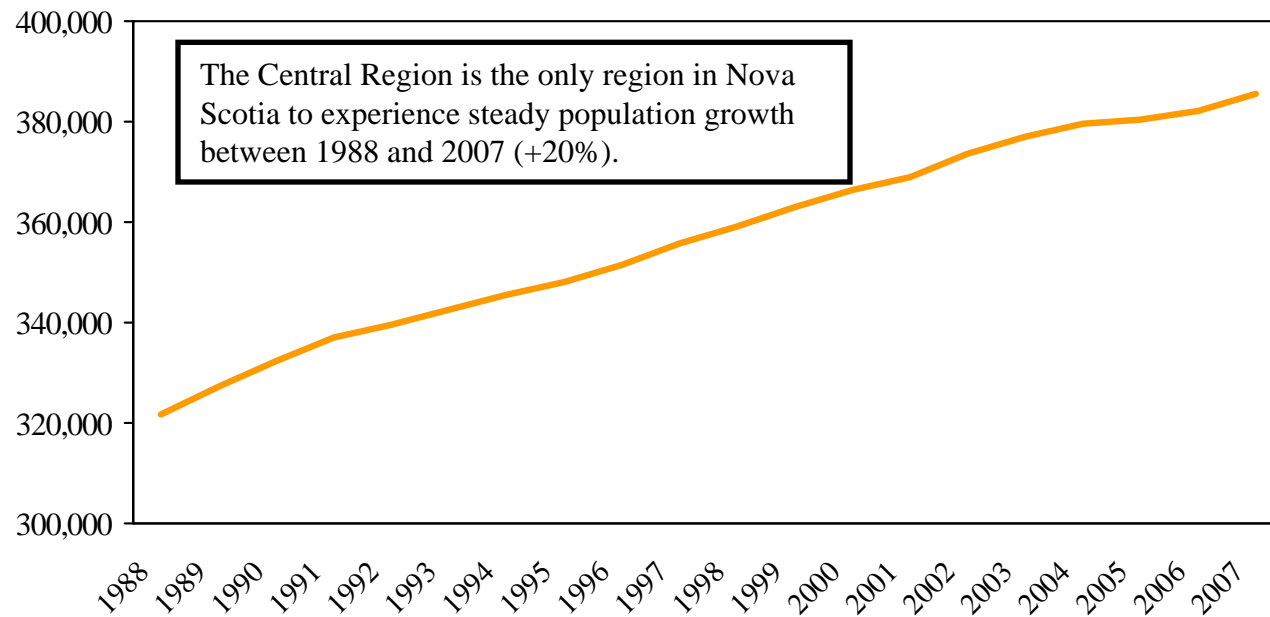


Indicator	Central Region	Nova Scotia
<b>Population (2007)</b>	385,457	934,147
<b>Population change 1998-2007</b>	+7.4%	nil
<b>Unemployment rate (2007)</b>	5.2%	8.0%
<b>Participation rate (2007)</b>	70.2%	63.7%

Source: Nova Scotia Department of Finance, Labour Force Data, Historical 1998-2007 ; Statistics Canada, Annual Demographic Statistics (1998 – 2007)

# Population Trends

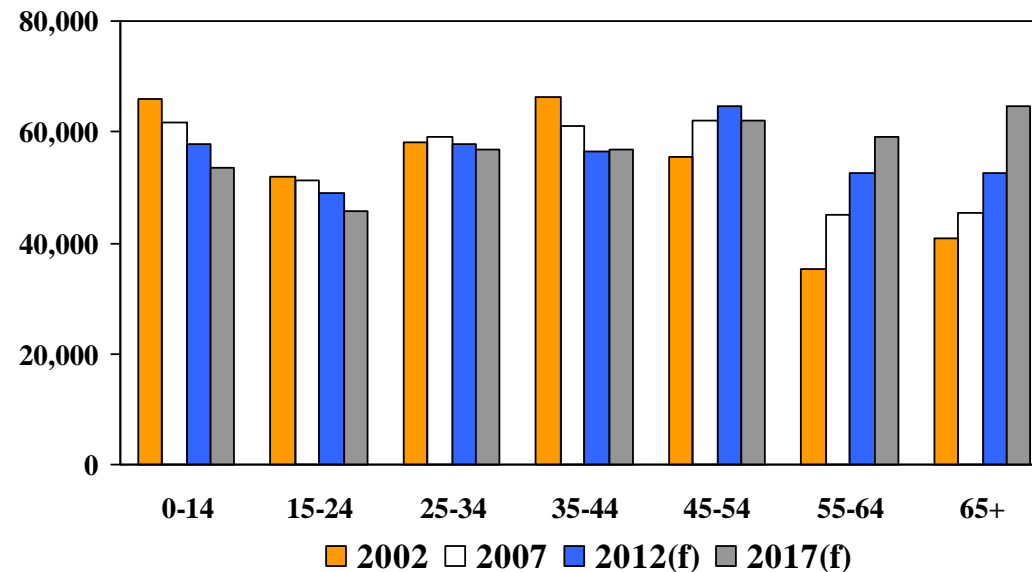
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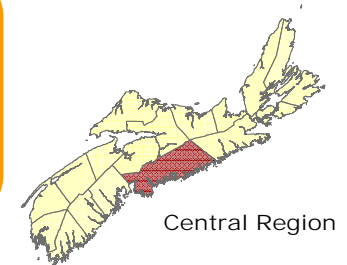
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# Population Trends – Aging

Central Region's Changing Demographic Profile

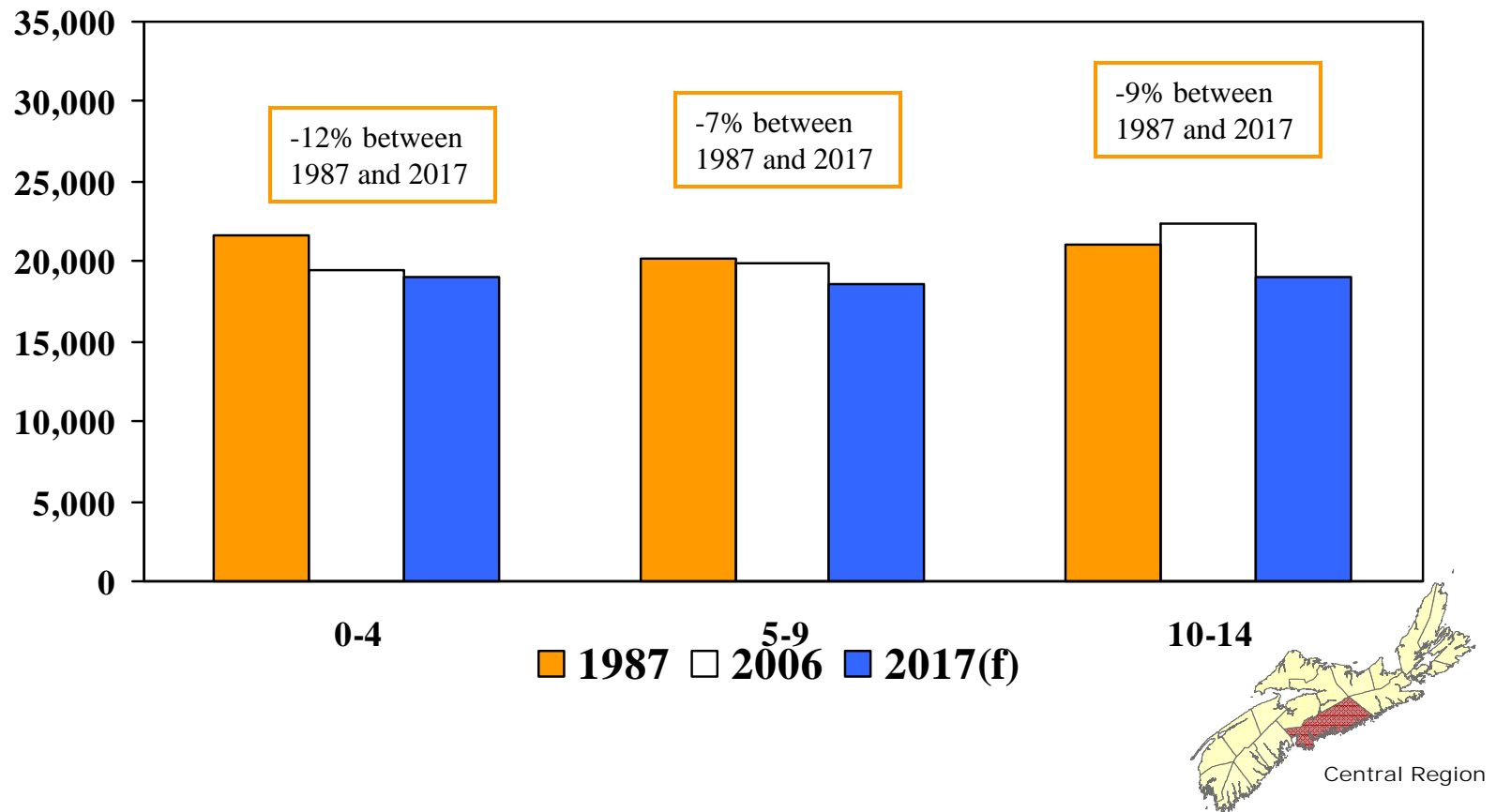


- In the Central Region, the population 24 and under is expected to decline by 19% between 2002 and 2017.
- On the other end of the age range, the number of adults 65 and over is projected to increase by 60%.



# Population Trends – Focus on youth

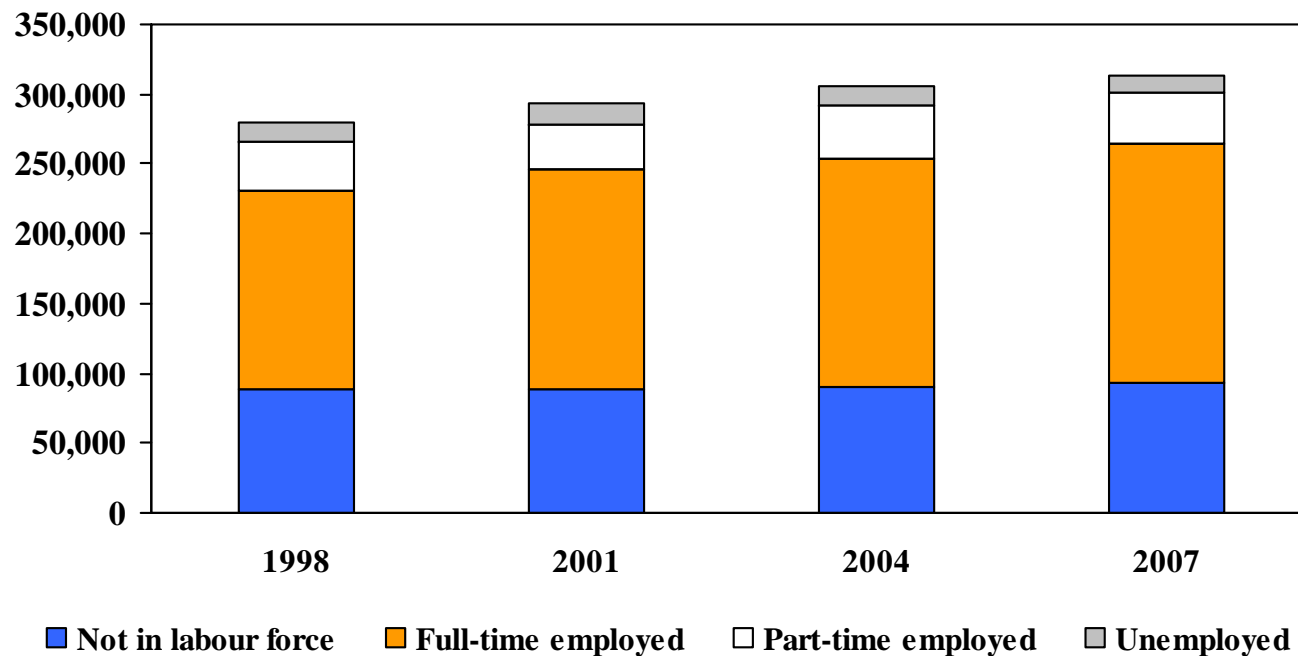
## Population under 15 Central Region, 1987-2017



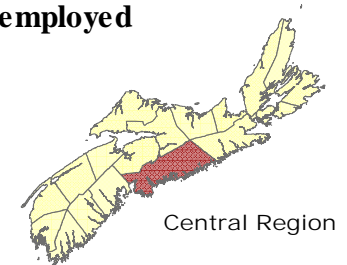
Source: Statistics Canada, Catalogue Number 91-520-XPB, "Population Projections for Canada, Provinces and Territories 2000-2026"; Nova Scotia Department of Finance

# Employment Trends

**Labour Market Statistics  
Central Region, 1998 to 2007**



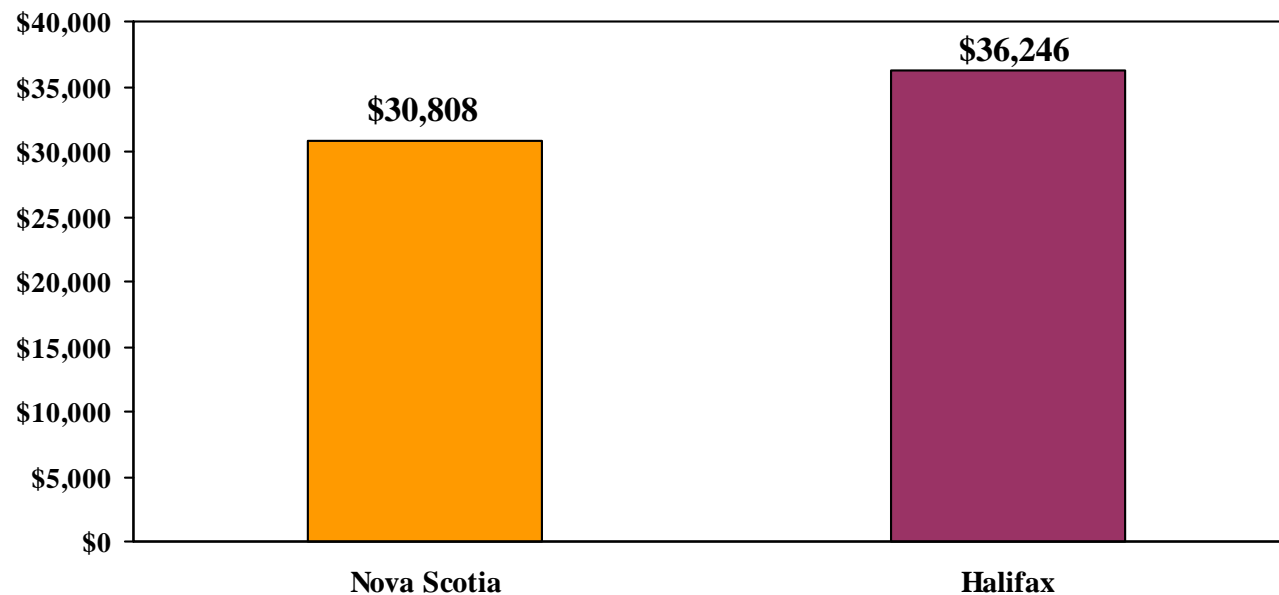
- Labour market statistics for the Central Region are strong, with low unemployment rates and high participation rates.



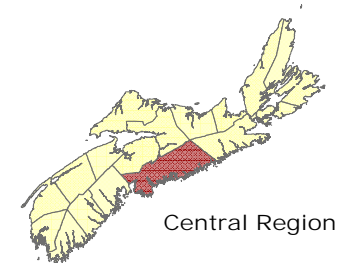


# Income Trends

**Average Income per Tax Filer  
Nova Scotia and the Central Region (Halifax), 2005**



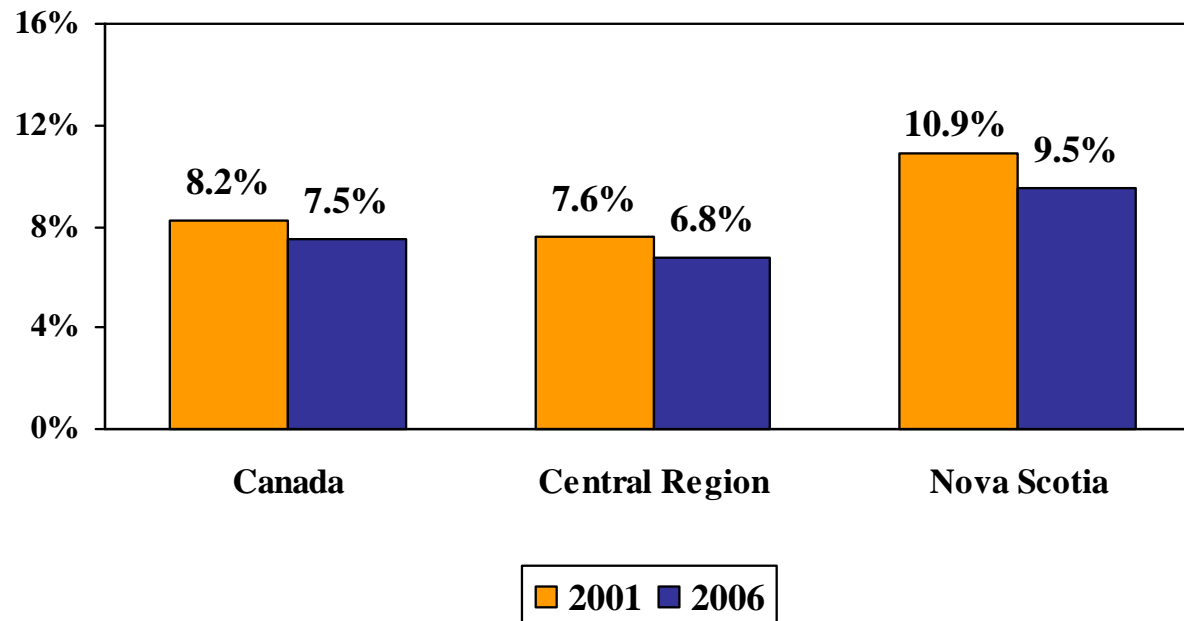
- Average incomes in the Central Region are higher than the Canadian average.



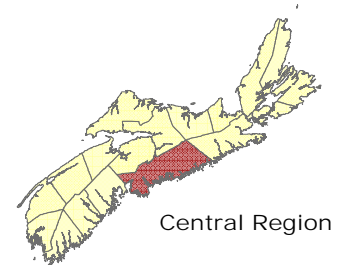


# Housing - Repairs

Occupied Private Dwellings in Need of Major Repairs Canada, Nova Scotia and the Central Region, 2001 and 2006

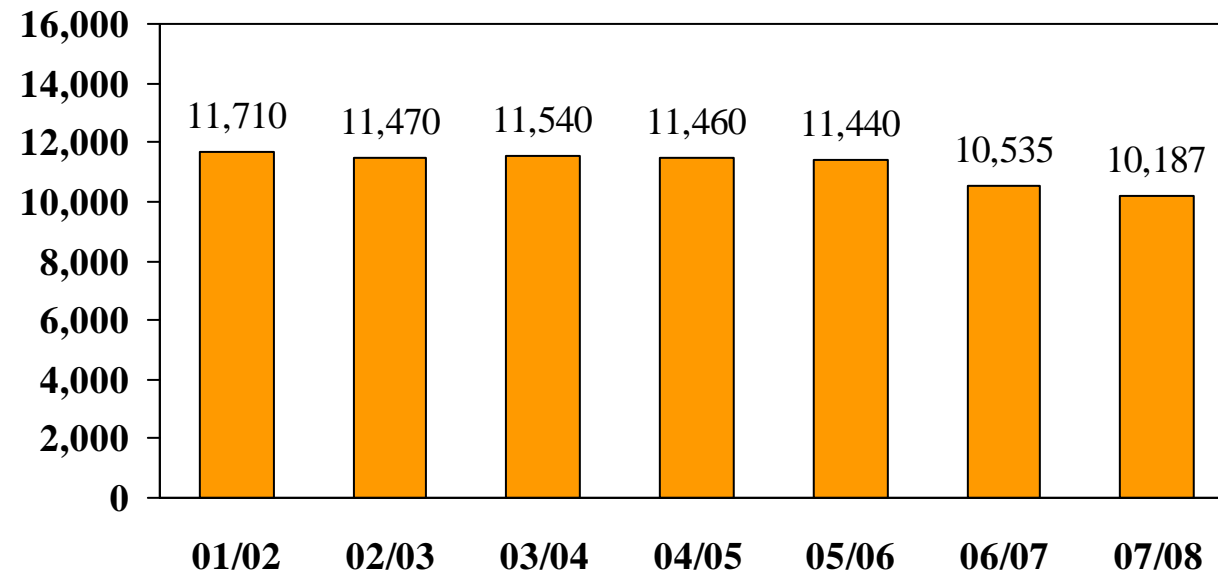


- Homes in the Central Region are in less need of major repair compared with both the provincial and national averages.
- The need for major repairs decreased between 2001 and 2006.

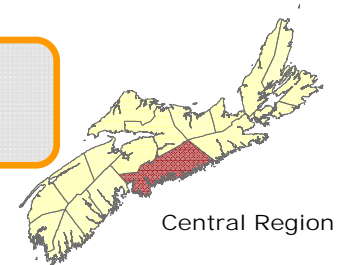


## Income Assistance Caseload - Trends

**Average Income Assistance Caseload  
Central Region by Fiscal Year**

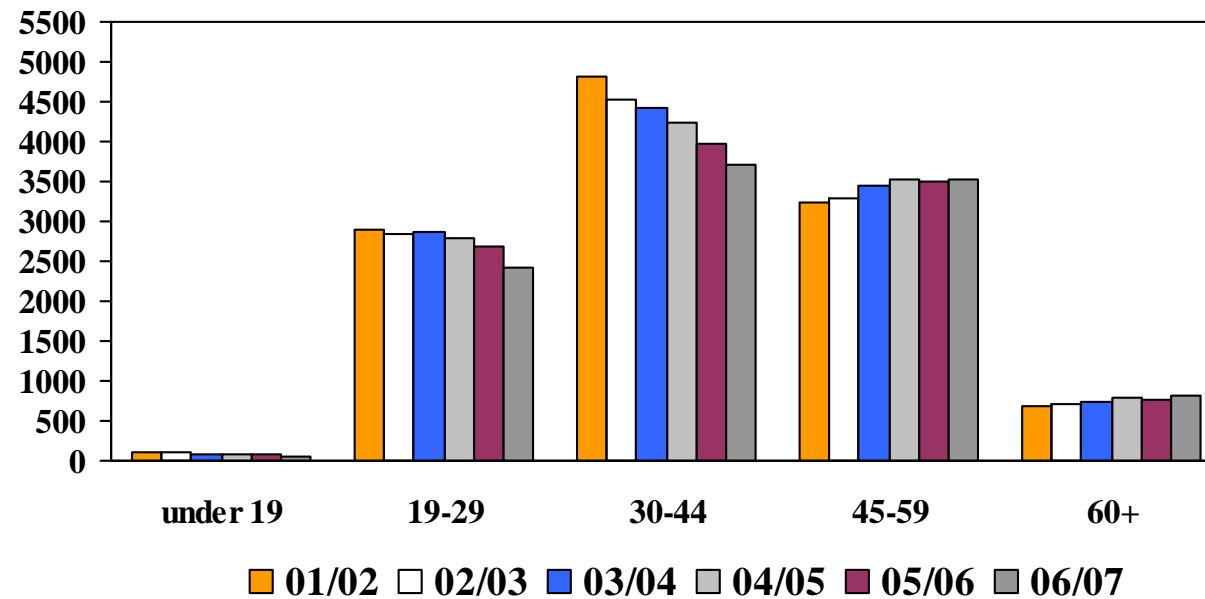


- As with provincial results, the number of income assistance cases in the Central Region is declining.

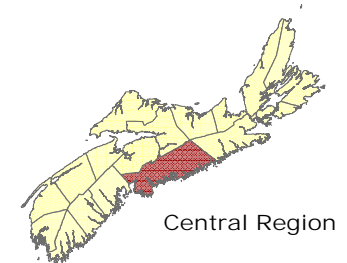


# Aging Income Assistance Caseload

## Age Range of Identified Clients for Income Assistance, Central Region by Fiscal Year \*

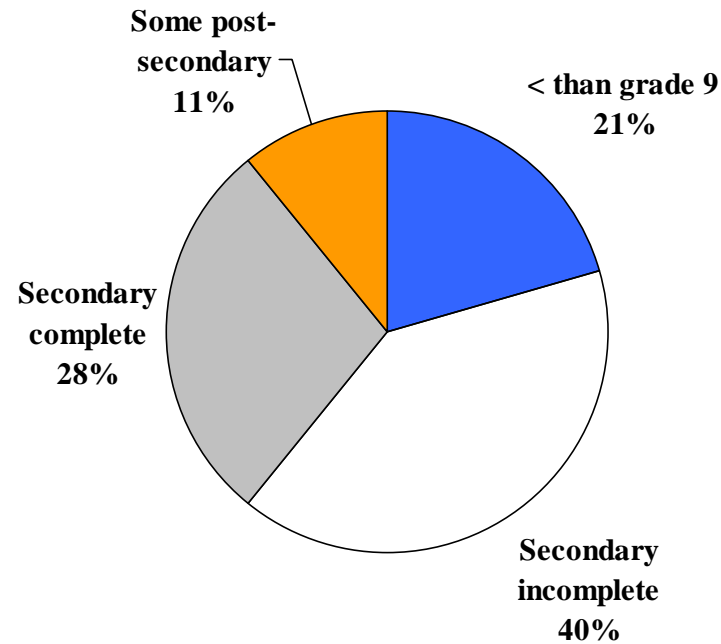


- As with the population, the average age of the Central Region's client caseload is rising

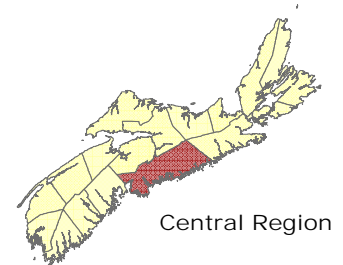


## Education and the ESIA Caseload

**Highest Educational Attainment of Identified Clients  
for Income Assistance, Central Region,  
Fiscal Year 2006/07 \***



- 39% of the Central Region's income assistance cases have completed high school or beyond.



## Additional Resources

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1. **Nova Scotia Department of Finance** – Multiple publications:  
<http://www.gov.ns.ca/finance/en/home/publications/>

2. **Statistics Canada:** [www.statcan.ca](http://www.statcan.ca)

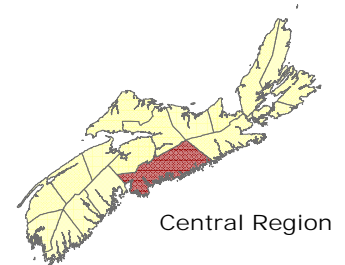
Census Results:

<http://www12.statcan.ca/english/census06/>

Community Profiles:

<http://www12.statcan.ca/english/census06/data/profiles/community/>

4. **Nova Scotia Community Counts:**  
<http://www.gov.ns.ca/finance/communitycounts/default.asp>
5. **Target Nova Scotia:** <http://www.targetnovascotia.com/>



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