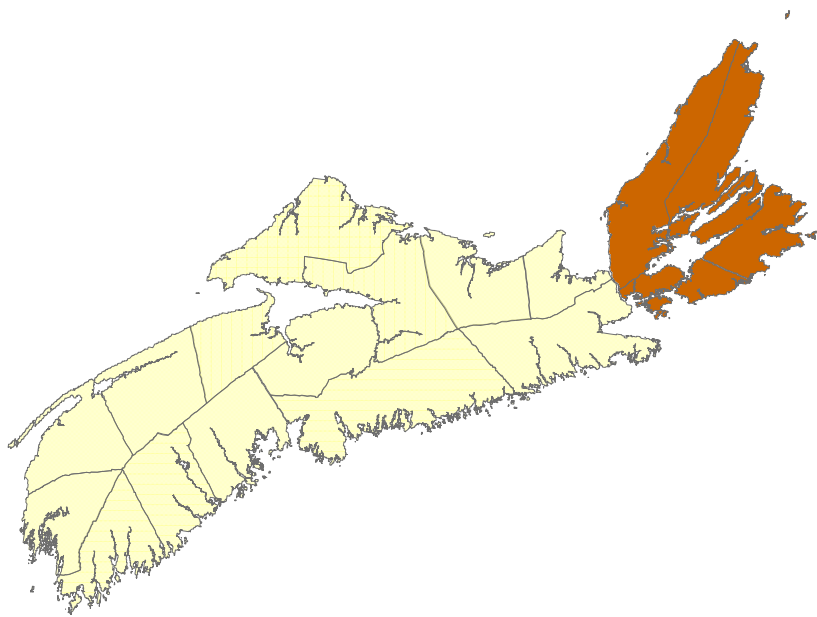


Overview of Social & Economic Trends



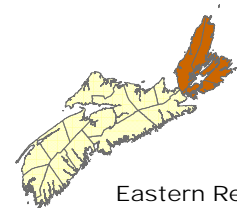
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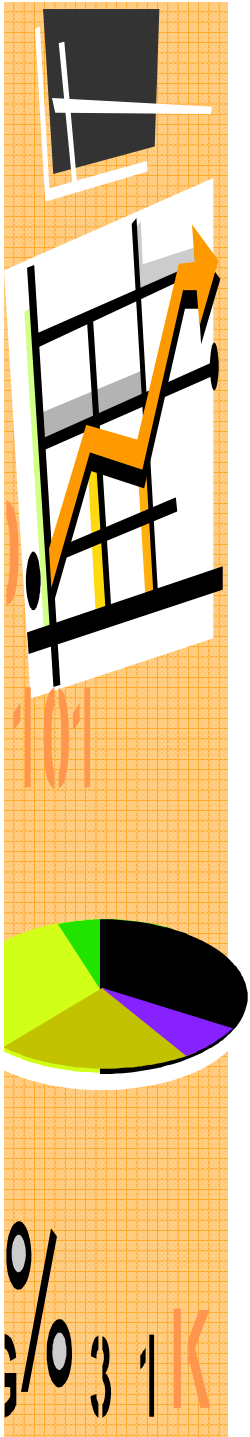
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- They are intended to provide a general overview of social trends experienced in the Eastern Region
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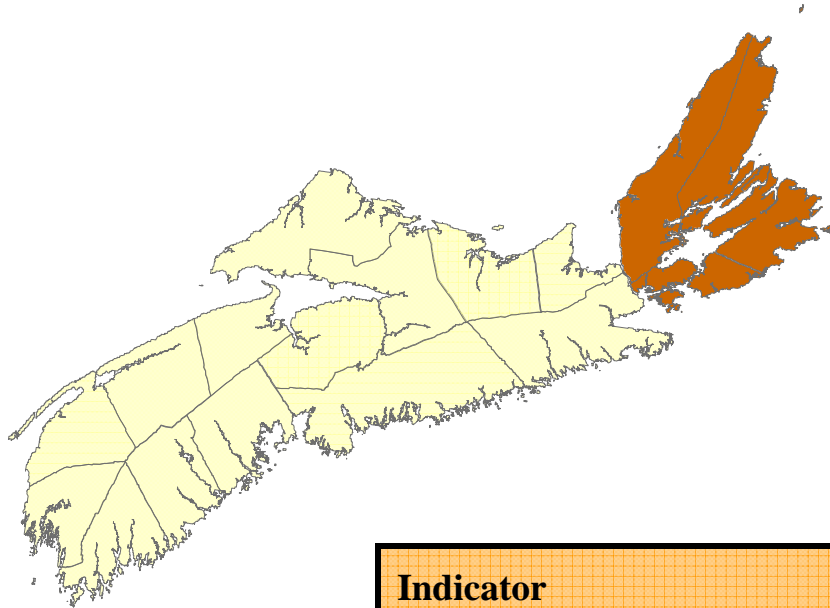
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Overview – Eastern Region

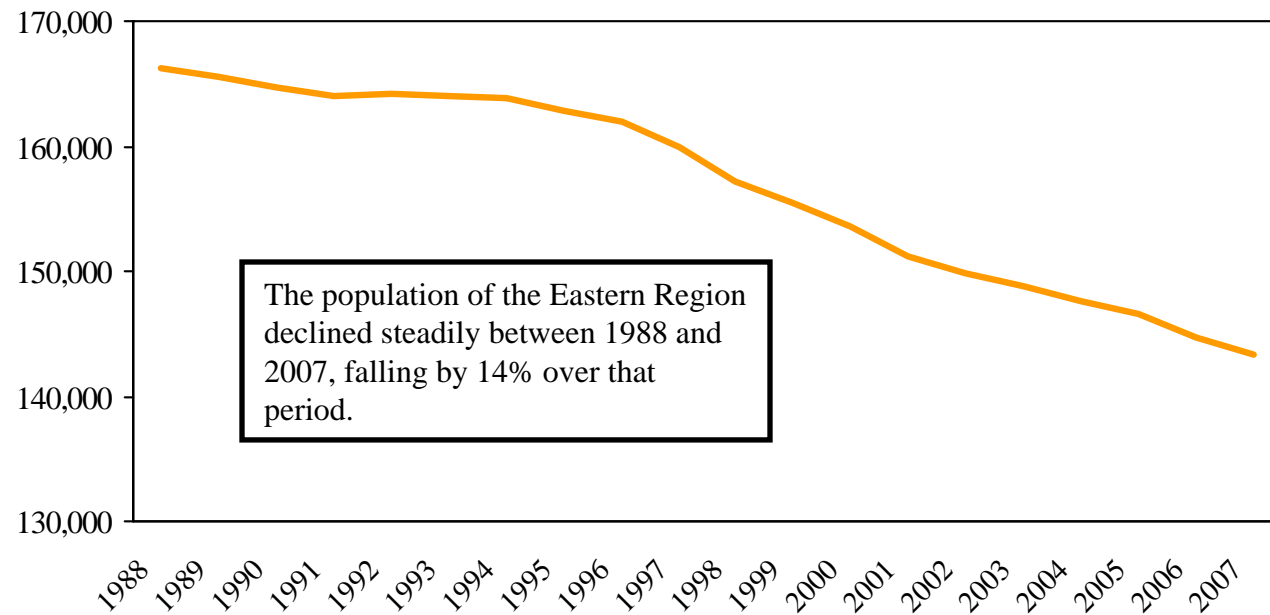


Indicator	Eastern Region	Nova Scotia
Population (2007)	143,379	934,147
Population change 1998-2007	-9.5%	nil
Unemployment rate (2007)	13.6%	8.0%
Participation rate (2007)	53.8%	63.7%

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

Population Trends – Decline

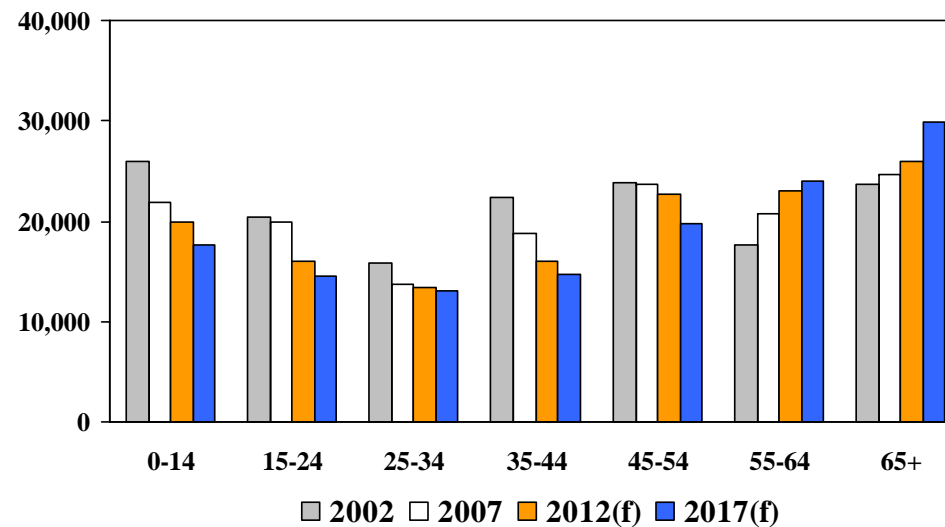
**Eastern Region Population
1988 - 2007**



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Population Trends – Aging

Eastern Region's Changing Demographic Profile

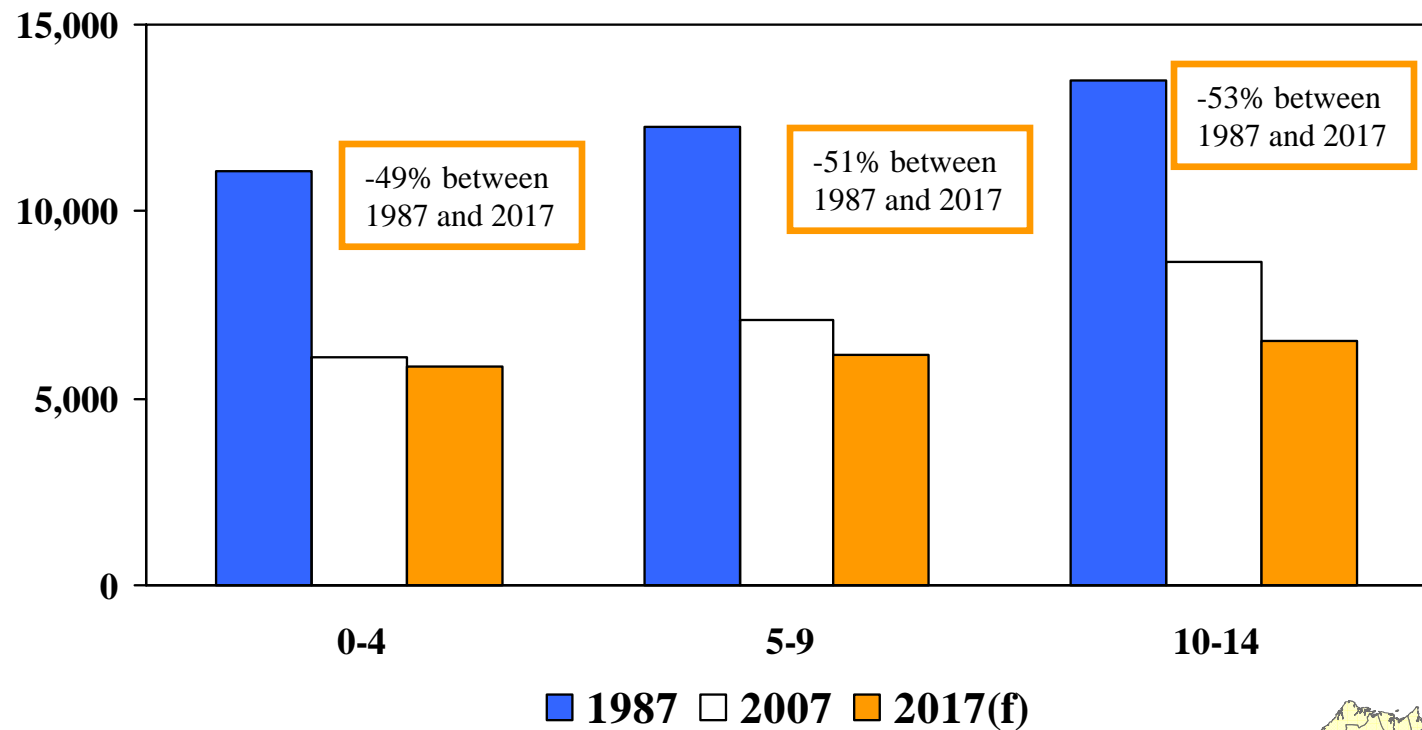


- In the Eastern region, the population 24 and under is expected to decline by over 30% between 2002 and 2017.
- On the other end of the age range, the number of adults 65 and over is projected to increase by 26%.



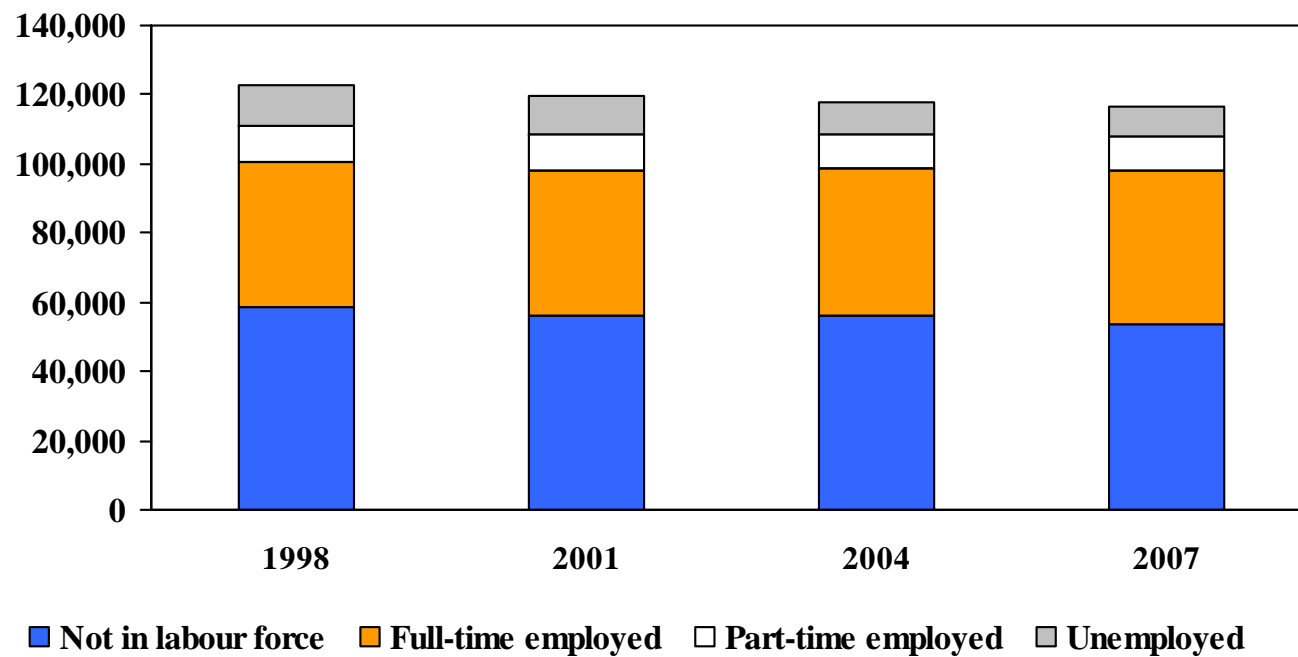
Population Trends – Focus on youth

**Population under 15
Eastern Region, 1987-2017**

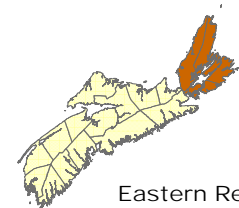


Employment Trends

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



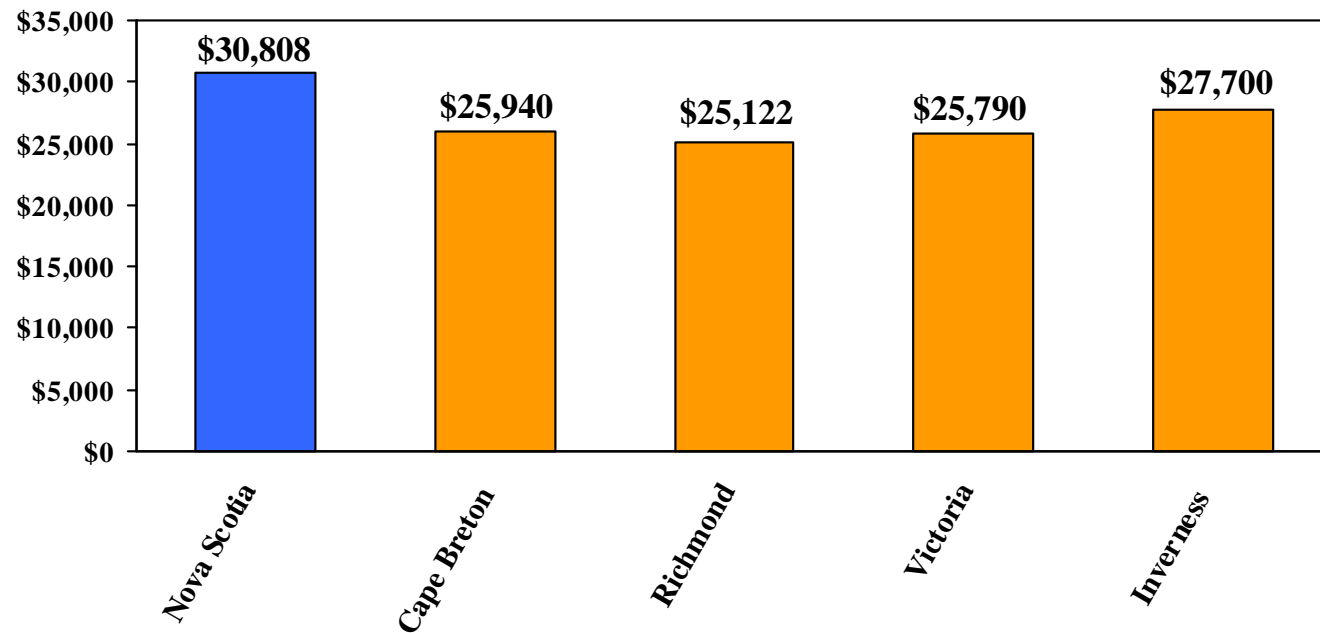
- Labour market statistics in the Eastern Region remained relatively steady between 1998 and 2007.



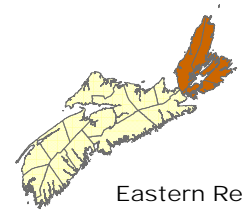
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Income Trends

**Average Income per Tax Filer
Nova Scotia and the Eastern Region, 2005**



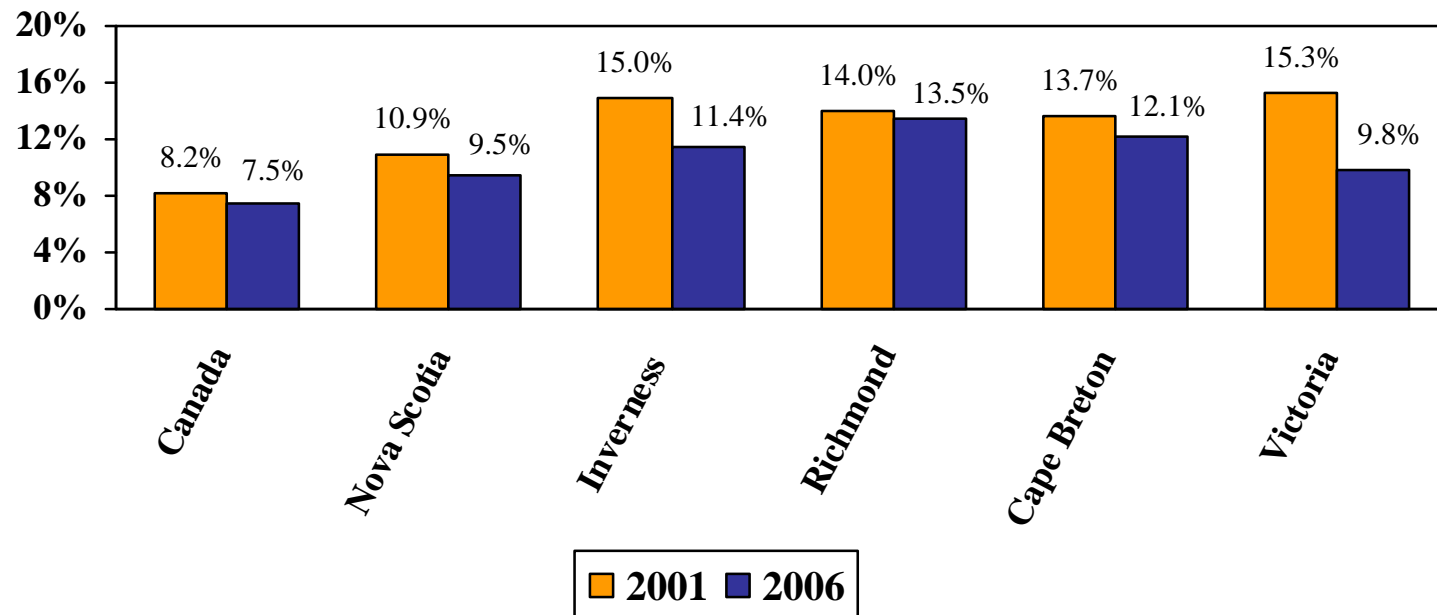
- The average income per tax filer is below the Nova Scotian average for all counties in the Eastern Region.



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Housing - Repairs

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

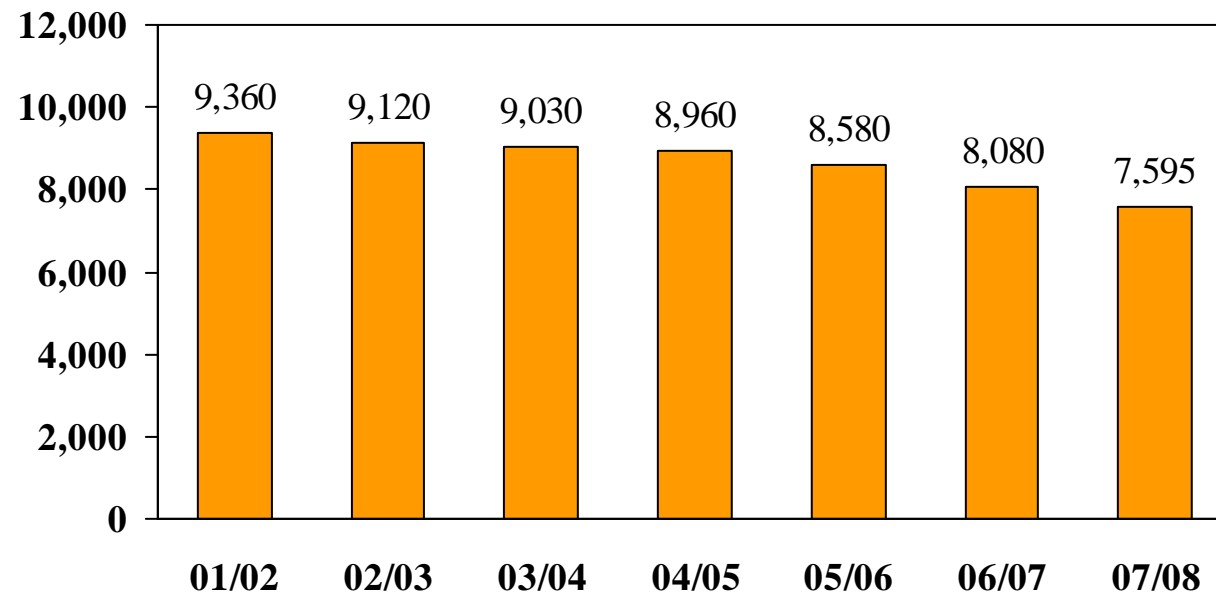


- Homes in the Eastern Region are in greater need of repair compared with both the provincial and national averages.
- The need for repair has decreased in all Eastern counties between 2001 and 2006



Income Assistance Caseload - Trends

**Average Monthly Income Assistance Caseload
Eastern Region by Fiscal Year**



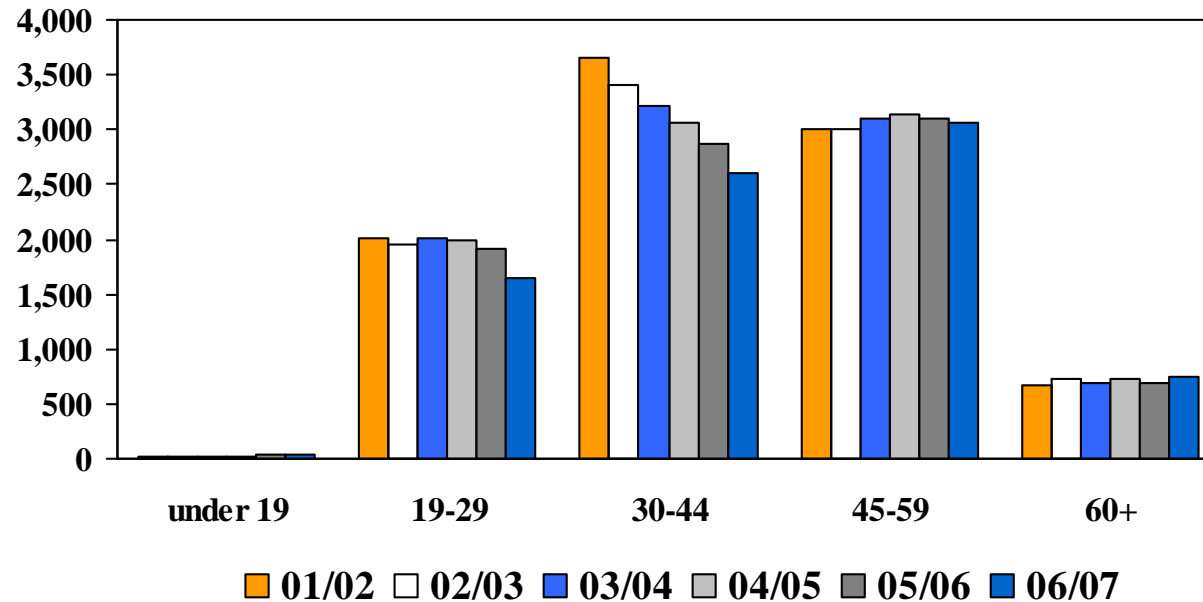
- As with provincial results, the number of income assistance cases in the Eastern Region is declining.



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Aging Income Assistance Caseload

Age Range of Identified Clients for Income Assistance, Eastern Region by Fiscal Year *

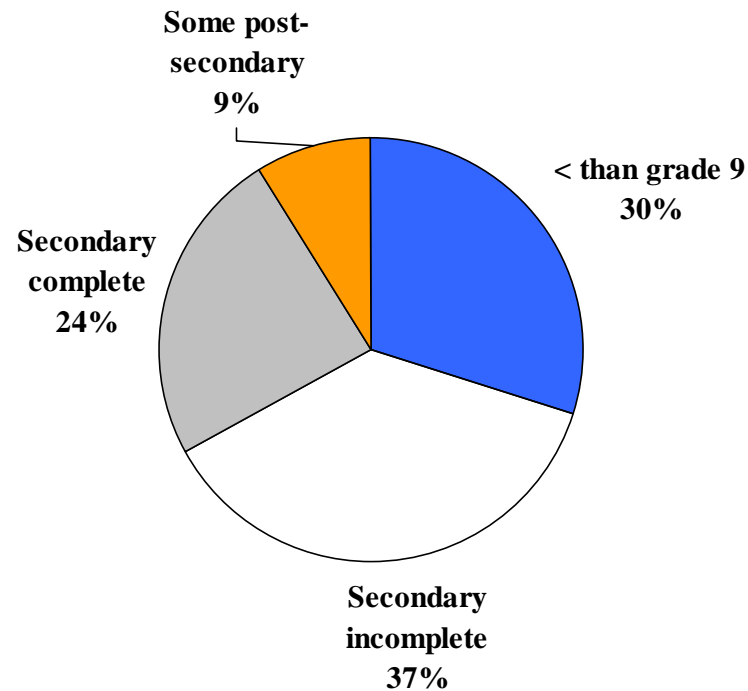


- As with the population, the average age of the Eastern Region's income assistance caseload is rising.

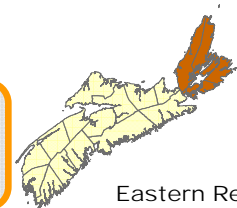


Education and the ESIA Caseload

**Highest Educational Attainment for Income Assistance Cases,
Eastern Region,
Fiscal Year 2006/07**



- **33% of the Eastern Region's income assistance cases have completed high school or beyond.**



Additional Resources

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

2. **Statistics Canada:** www.statcan.ca

Census Results:

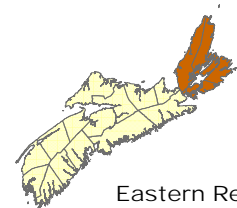
<http://www12.statcan.ca/english/census06/>

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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