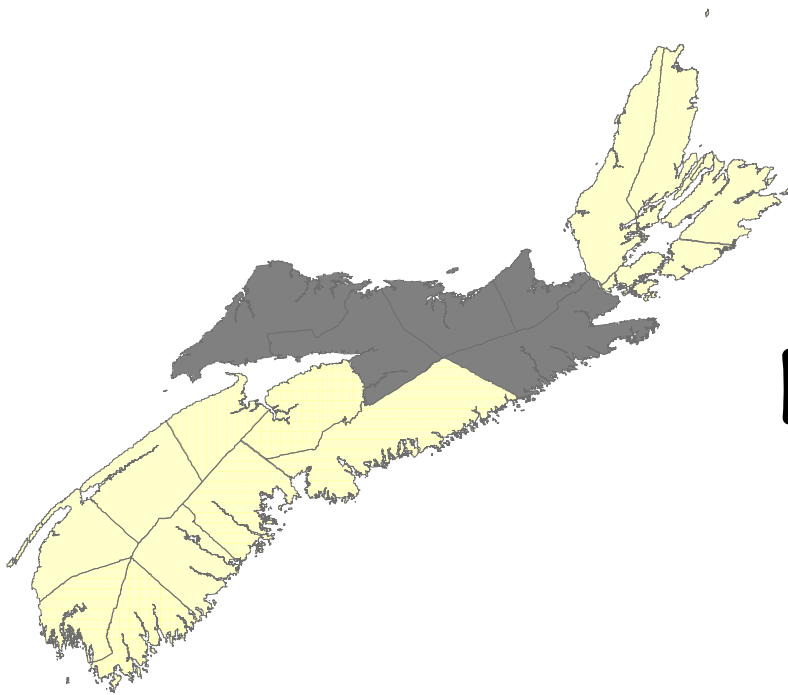


Overview of Social & Economic Trends



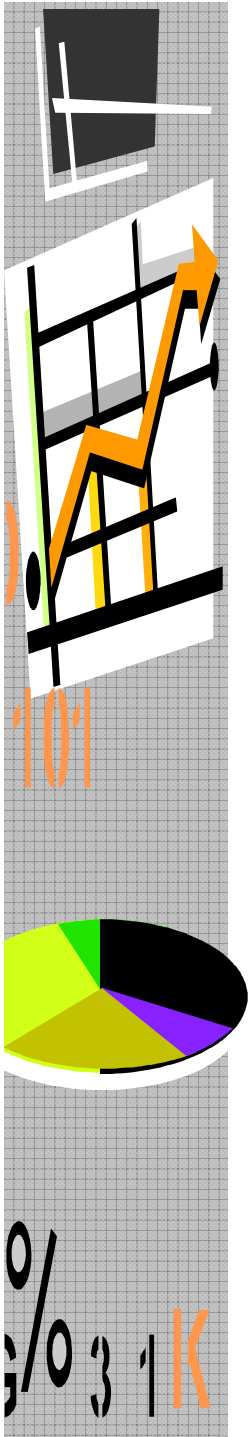
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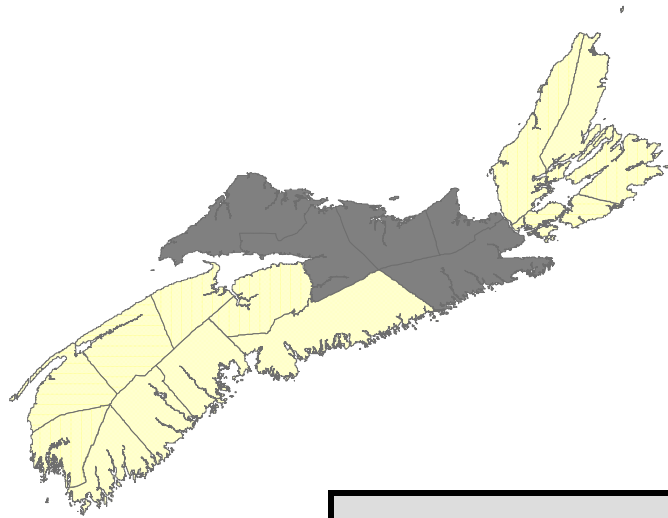
Preface

- 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 Northern Region
- For further detail, or if you have any questions, please contact:

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Overview – Northern Region

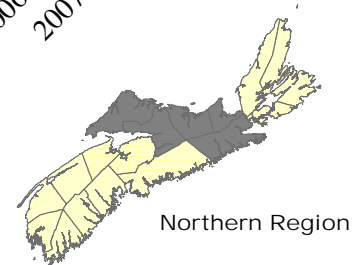
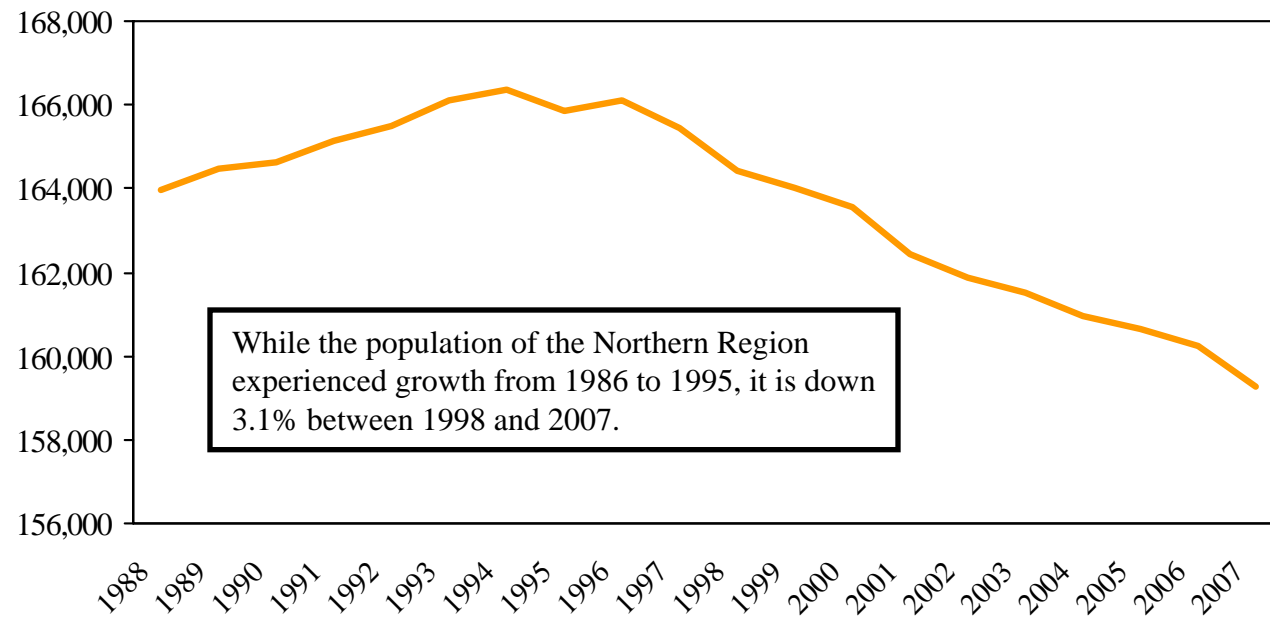


Indicator	Northern Region	Nova Scotia
Population (2007)	159,249	934,147
Population change 1998-2007	-3.6%	nil
Unemployment rate (2007)	10.4%	8.0%
Participation rate (2007)	60.0%	63.7%

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

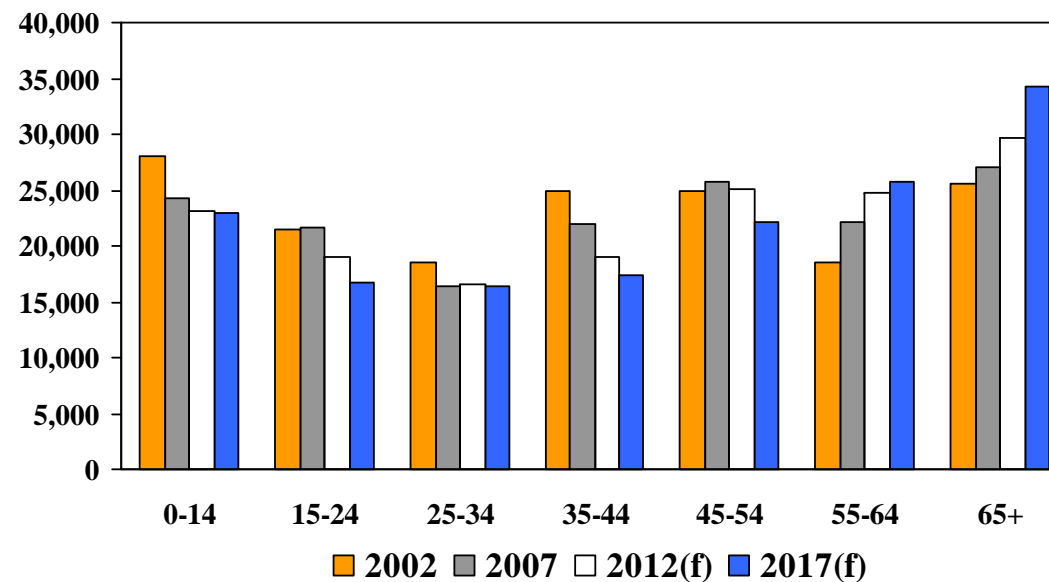
Population Trends – Decline

Northern Region Population 1988 - 2007

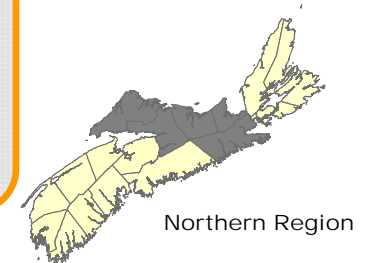


Population Trends – Aging

Northern Region's Changing Demographic Profile

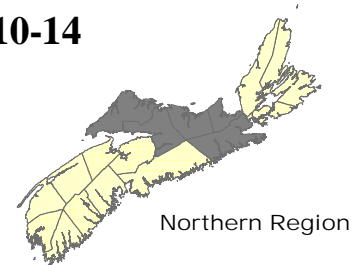
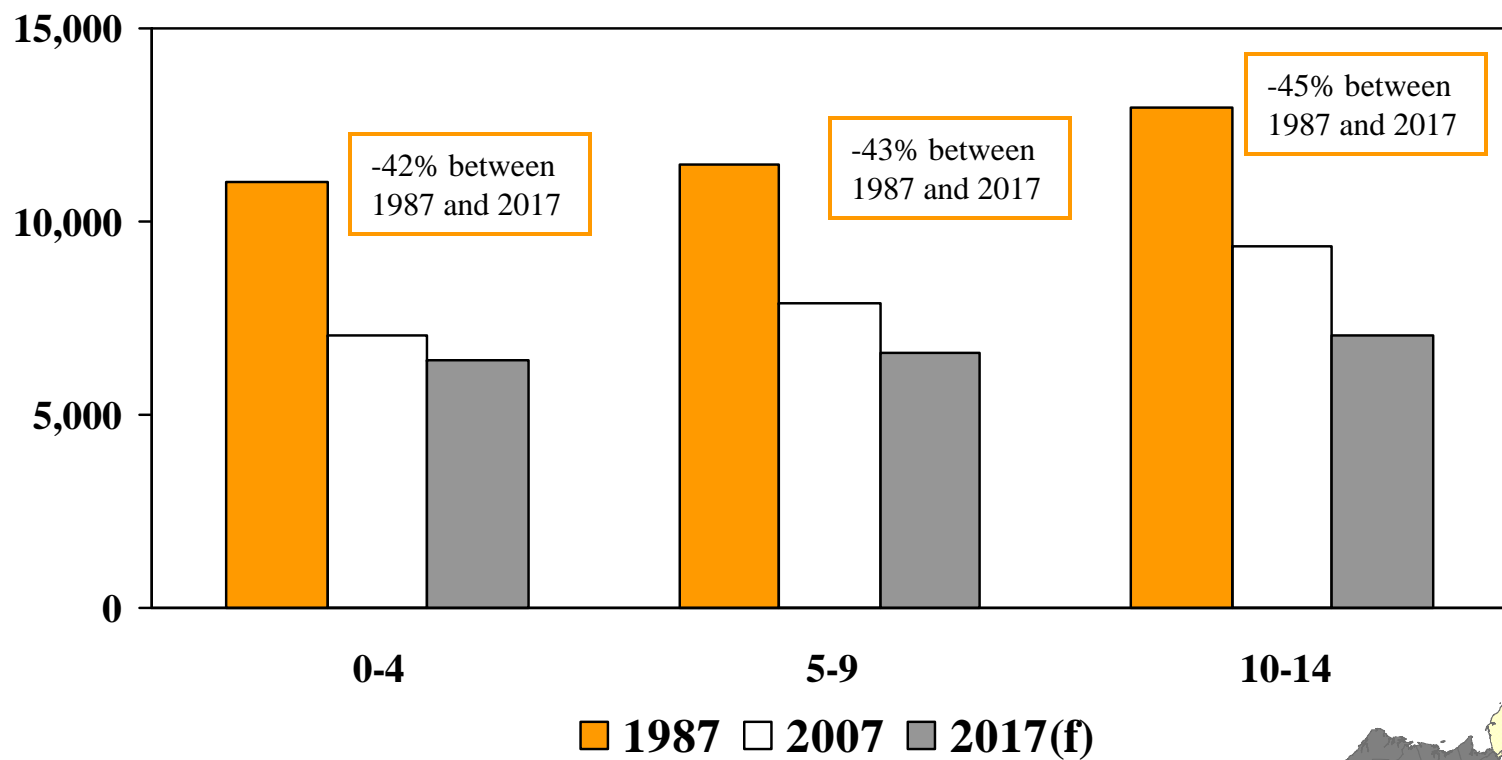


- In the Northern Region, the population 24 and under is expected to decline by 30% between 2002 and 2017.
- On the other end of the age range, the number of adults 65 and over is projected to increase by 33%.



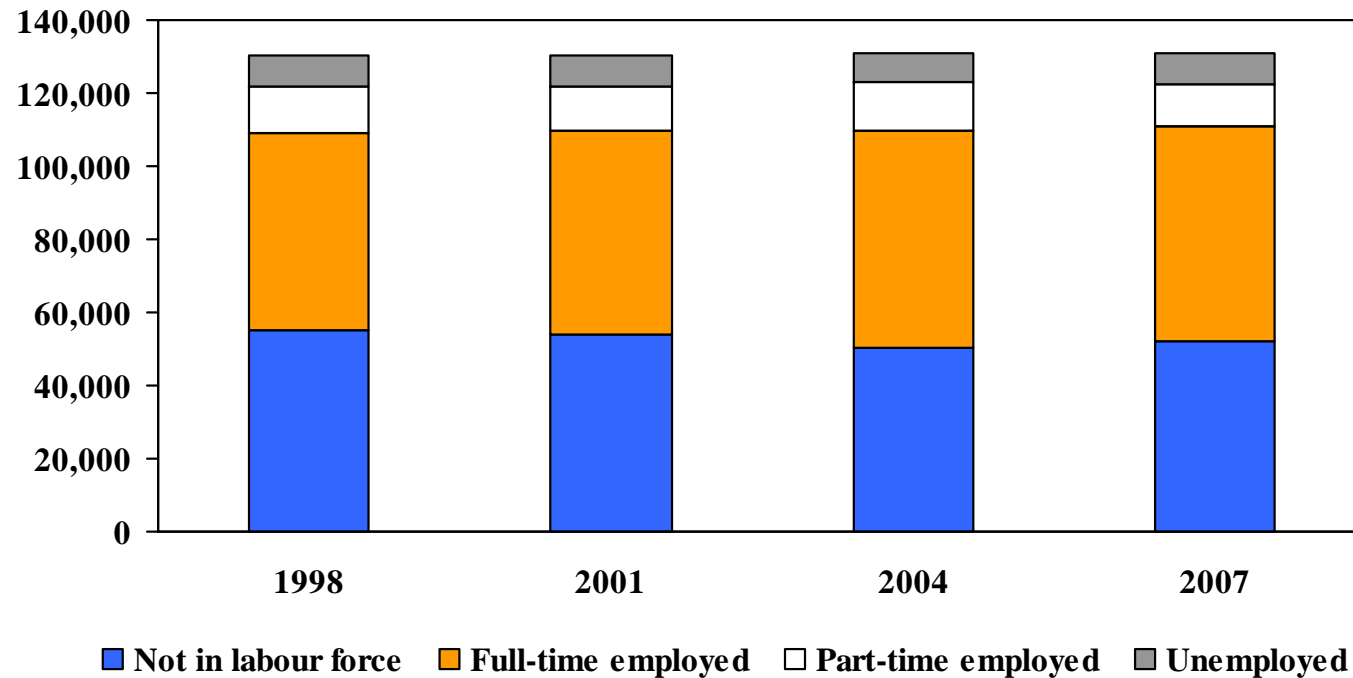
Population Trends – Focus on youth

Population under 15 Northern Region, 1987-2017



Employment Trends

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

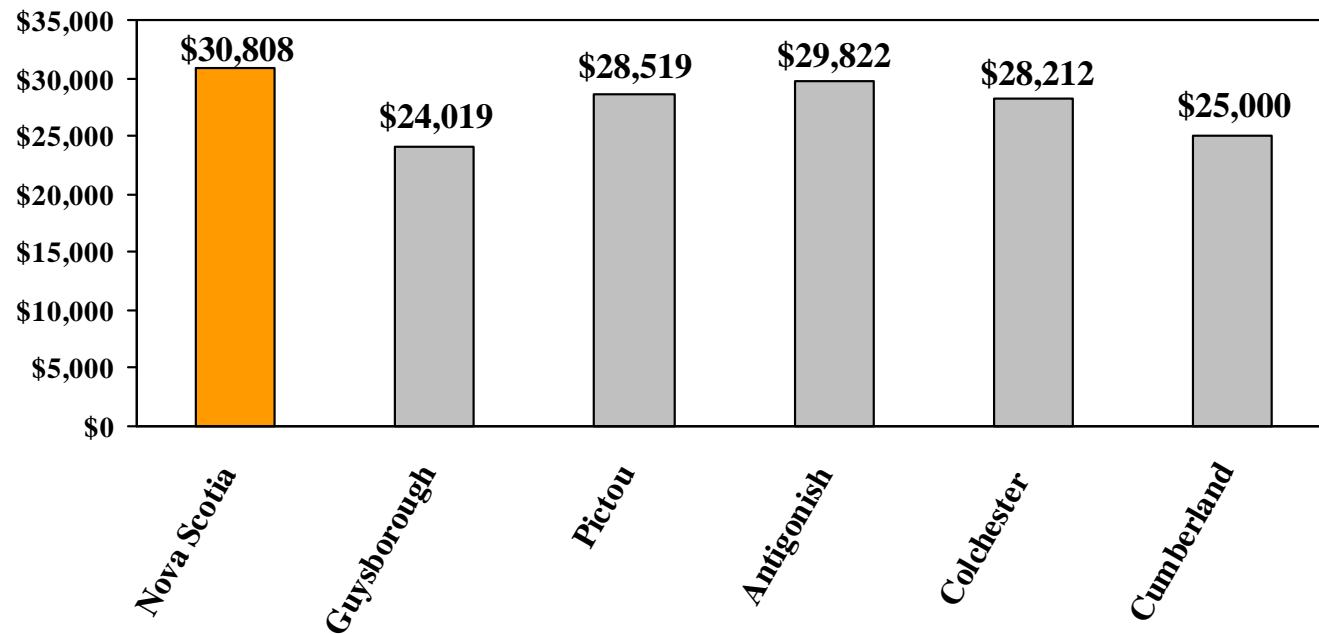


- The proportion of the population in the Northern Region with full-time work increased between 1998 and 2007.

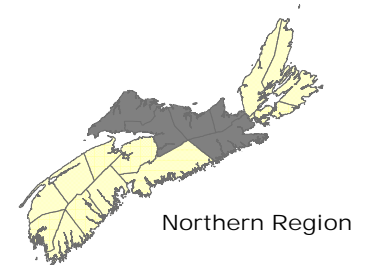


Income Trends

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

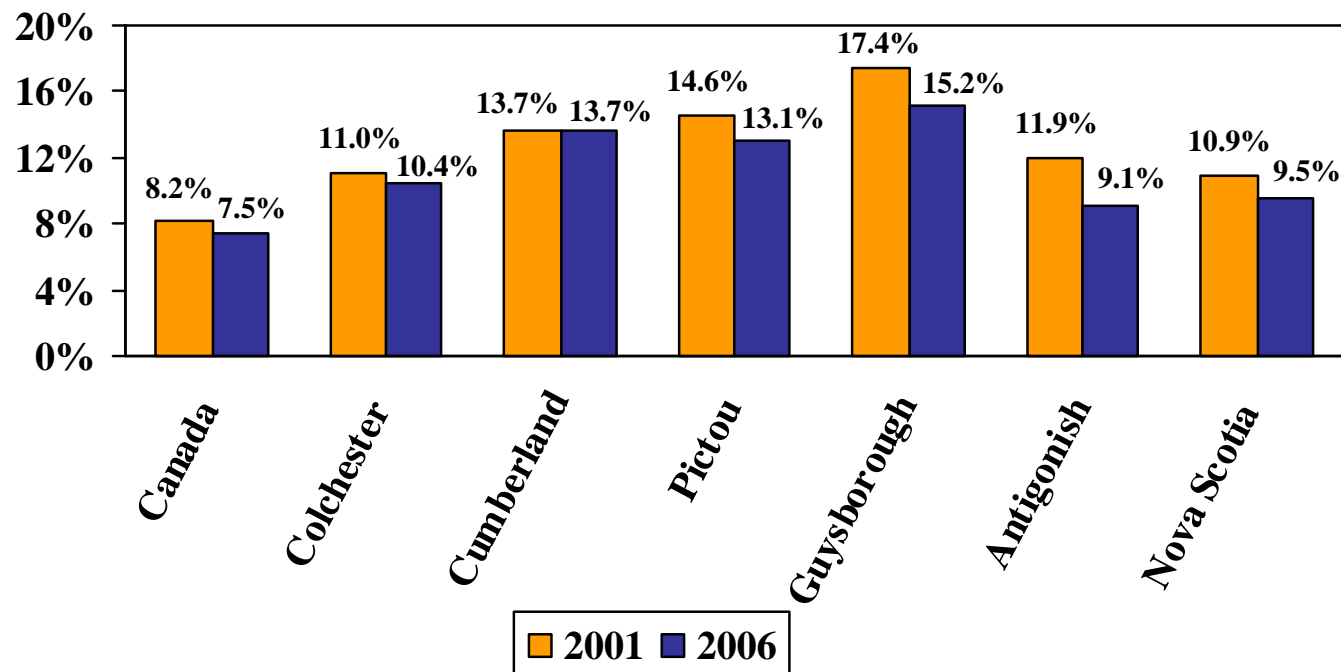


- The average incomes per tax filer by county in the Northern Region vary, ranging from a low of \$24,019 in Guysborough to a high of \$29,822 in Antigonish.



Housing - Repairs

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

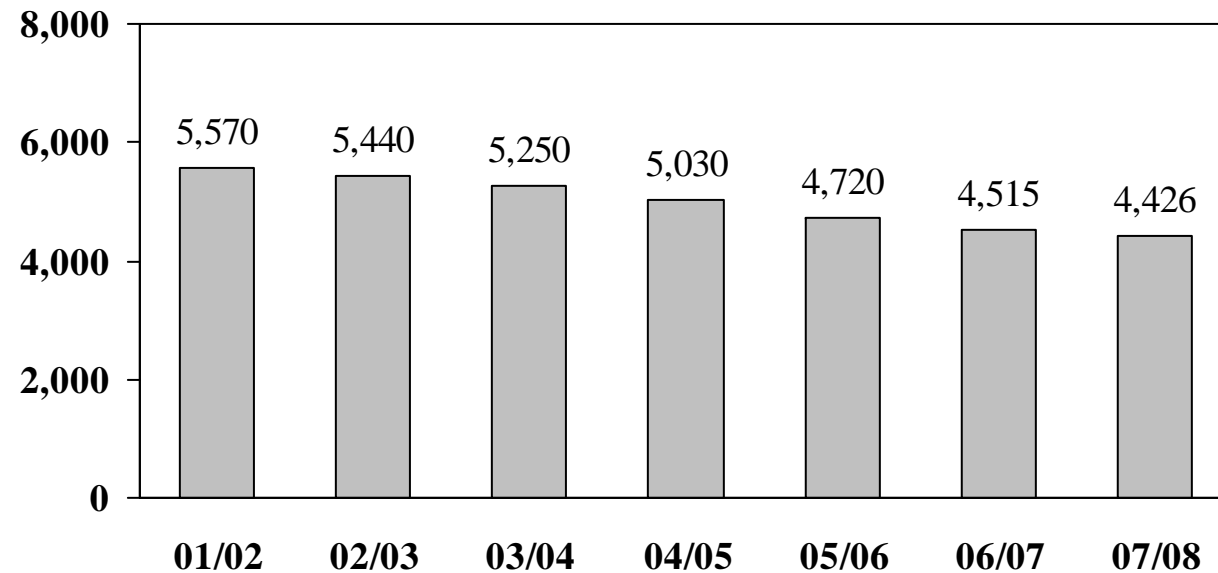


- Homes in the Northern Region are in greater need of repair compared with both the provincial and national averages.
- The need for major repair has decreased in each Northern county, with the exception of Cumberland, between 2001 and 2006.

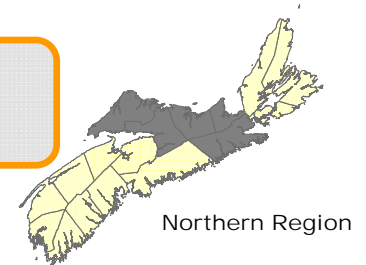


Income Assistance Caseload - Trends

Average Income Assistance Caseload Northern Region by Fiscal Year



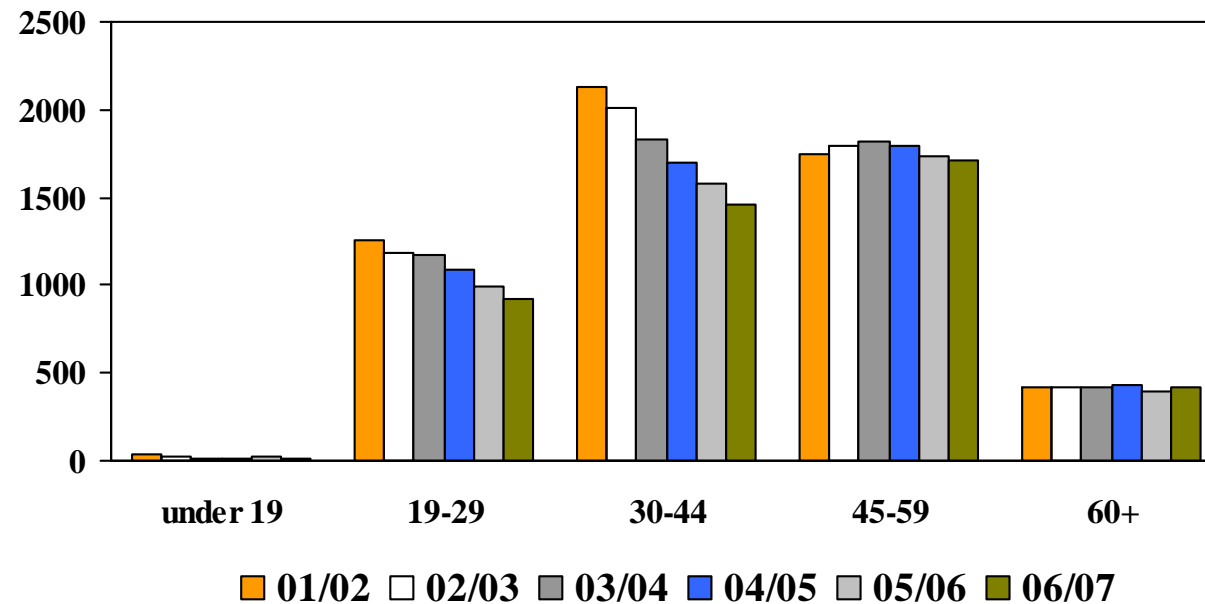
- As with provincial results, the number of income assistance cases in the Northern Region is declining.



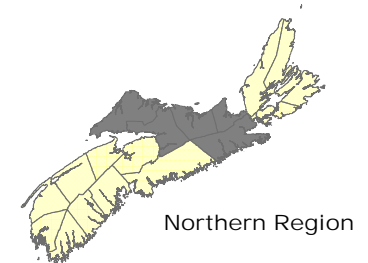
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Aging Income Assistance Caseload

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

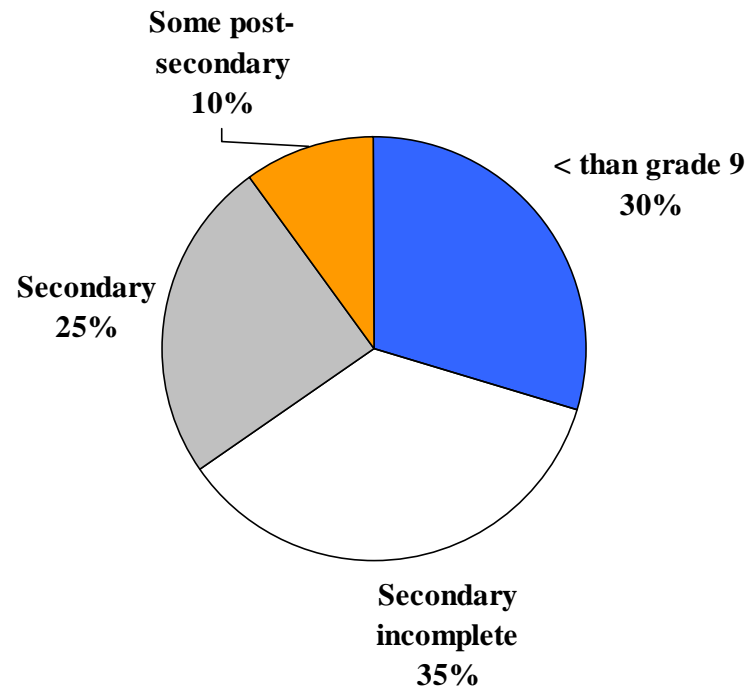


- As with the population, the average age of the Northern Region's client caseload is rising.



Education and the ESIA Caseload

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



- 35% of the Northern 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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