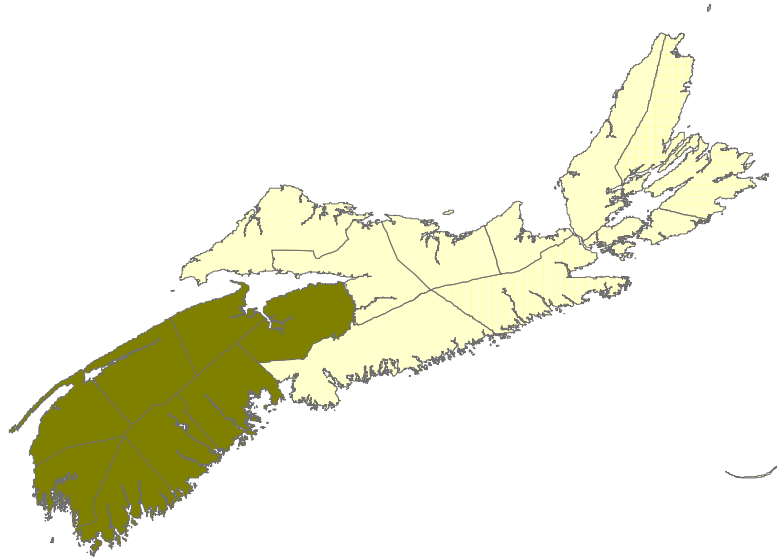


Overview of Social & Economic Trends



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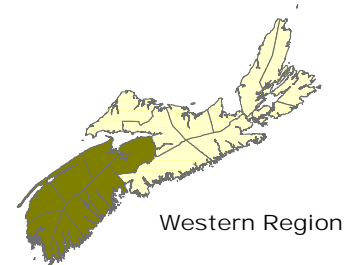
Building strong, healthy communities together



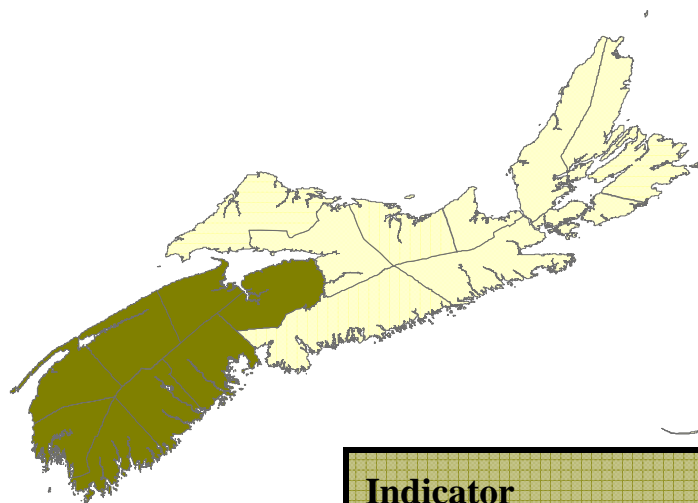
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- These slides were prepared to accompany a detailed presentation called “Social Trends in Nova Scotia”
- They are intended to provide a general overview of social trends experienced in the Western Region
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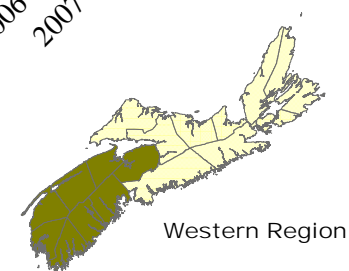
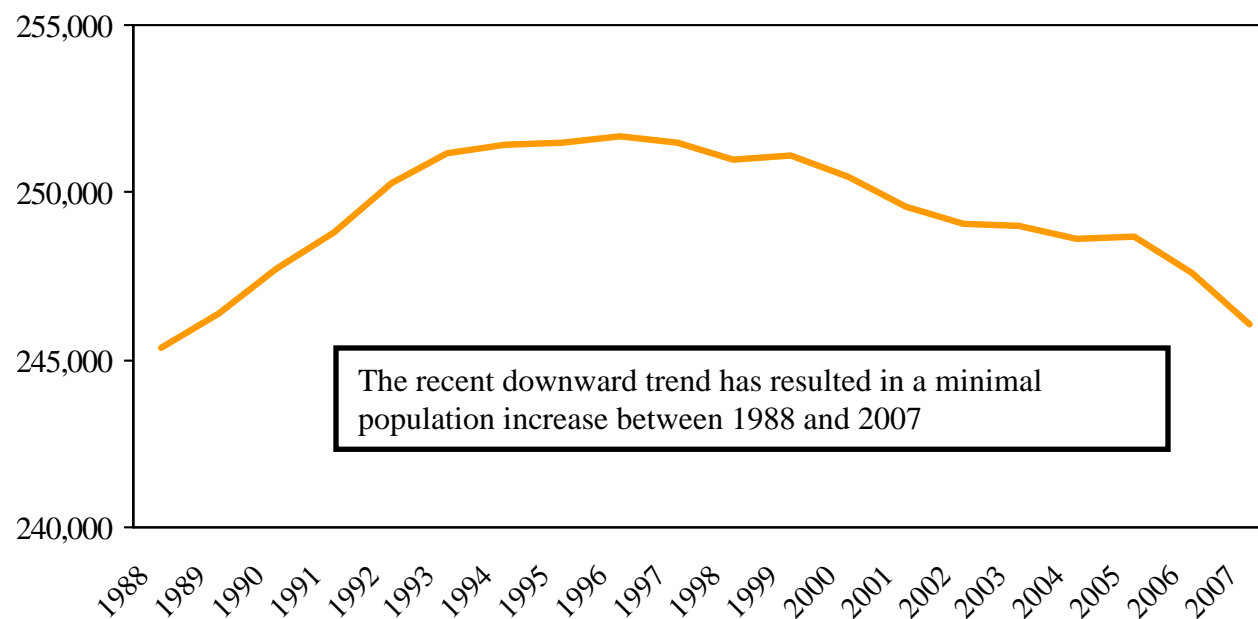


Indicator	Western Region	Nova Scotia
Population (2007)	246,066	934,147
Population change 1998-2007	-2.4%	nil
Unemployment rate (2007)	8.6%	8.0%
Participation rate (2007)	61.6%	63.7%

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

Population Trends

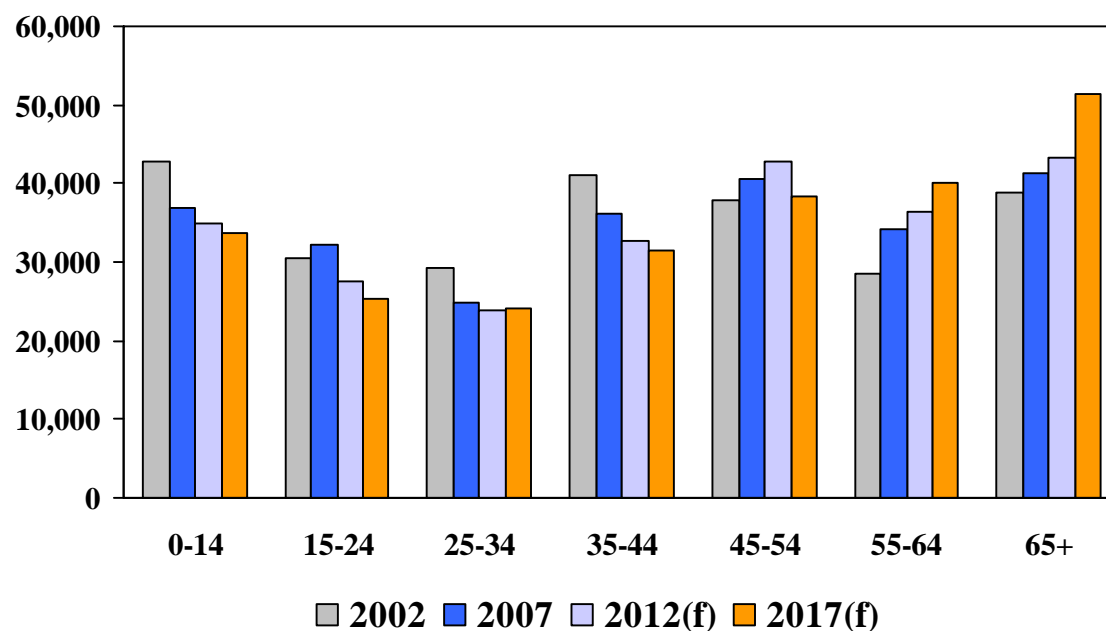
Western Region Population 1988 - 2007



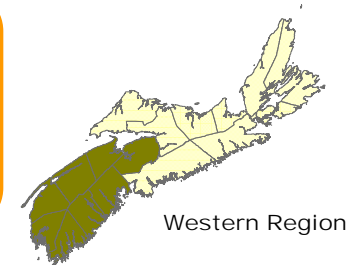
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Population Trends – Aging

Western Region's Changing Demographic Profile



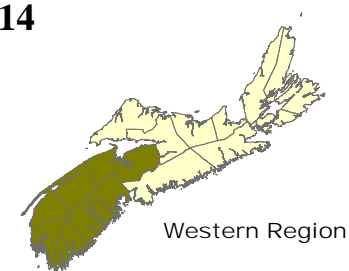
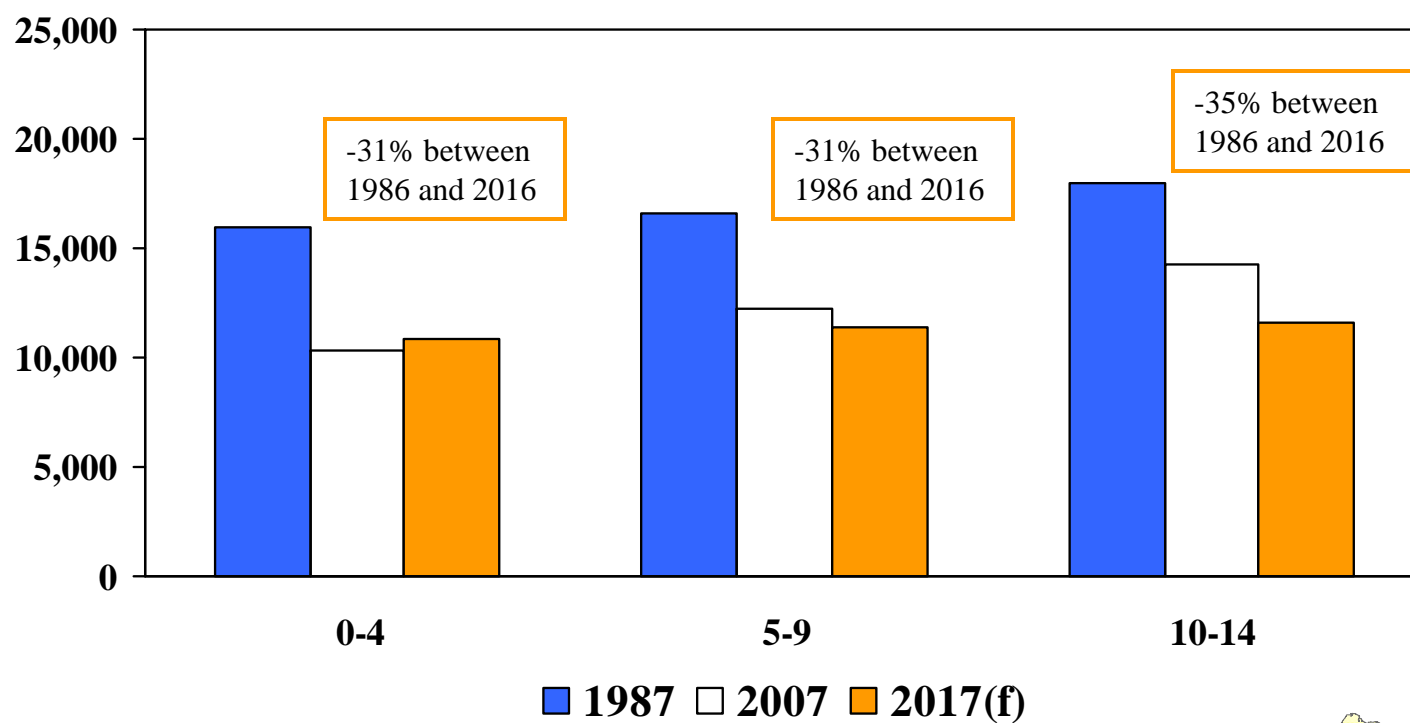
- In the Western Region, the population 24 and under is expected to decline by 23% between 2002 and 2017.
- On the other end of the age range, the number of adults 65 and over is projected to increase by 36%.



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Population Trends – Focus on youth

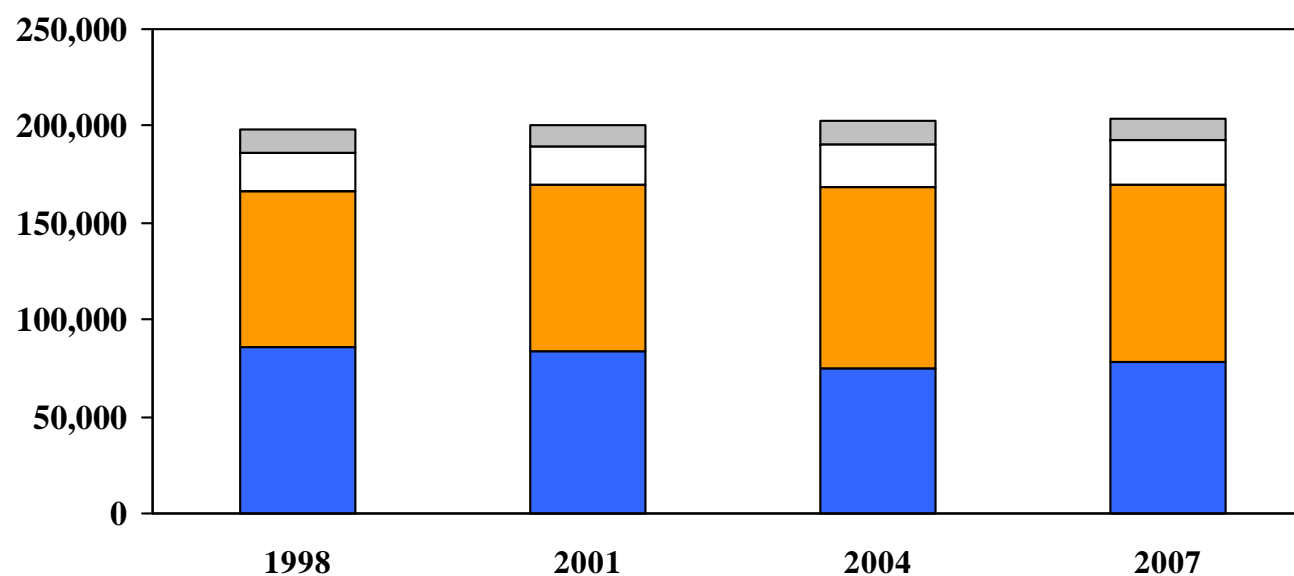
Population under 15 Western Region, 1987-2017



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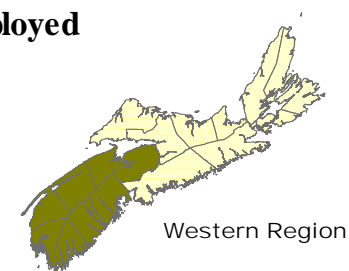
Employment Trends

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



■ Not in labour force ■ Full-time employed □ Part-time employed □ Unemployed

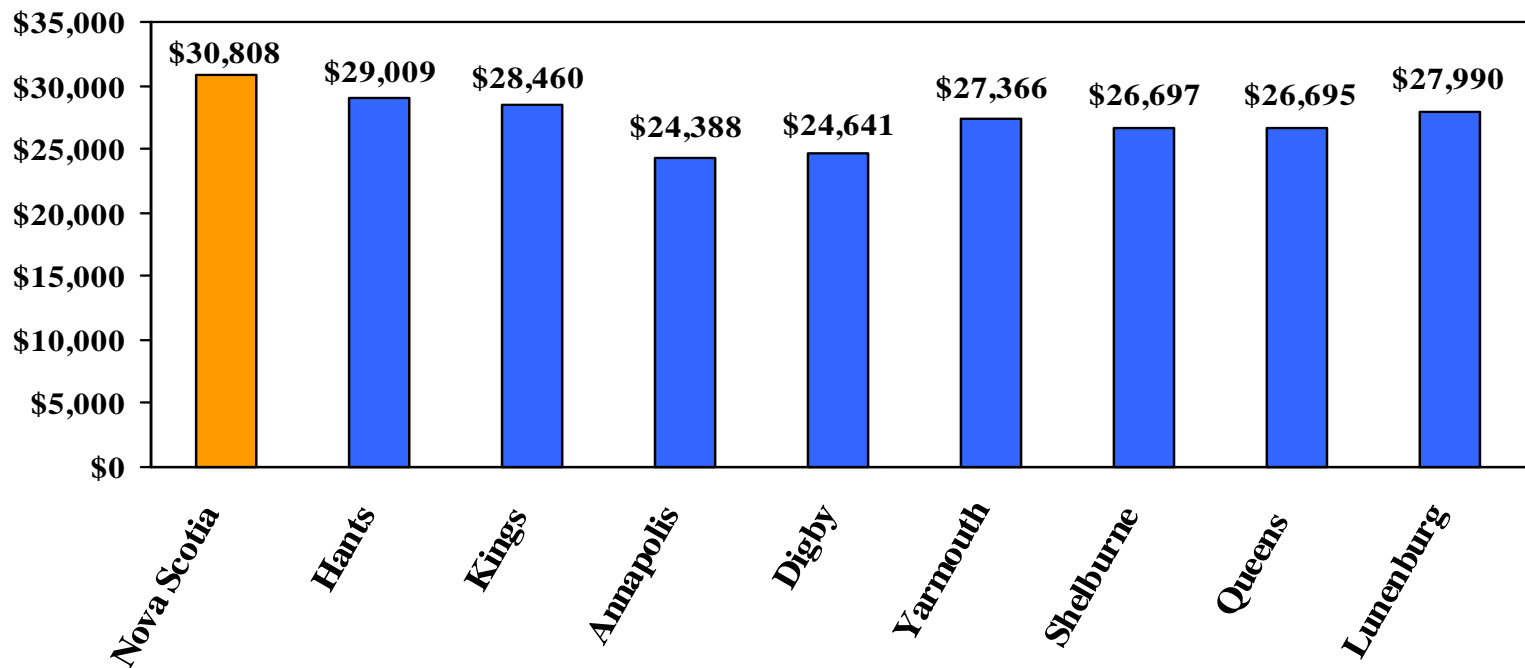
- The proportion of the population with full-time work increased in the Western Region between 1998 and 2007.



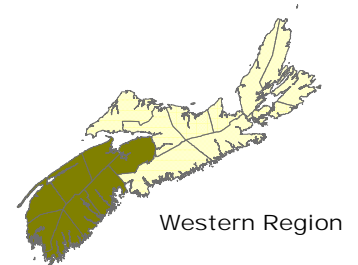
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Income Trends

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

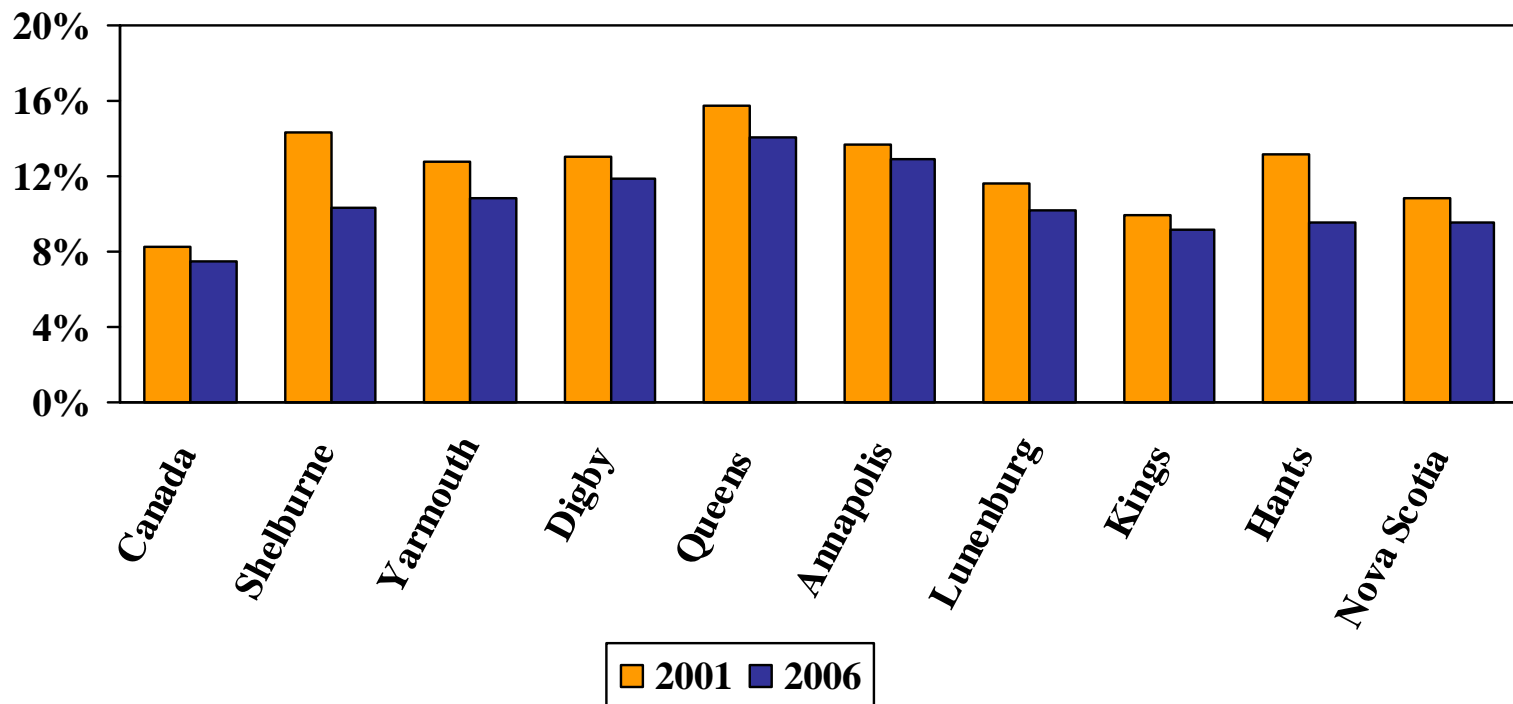


- Average incomes per tax filer vary between counties of the Western Region, ranging from \$24,388 in Annapolis to \$29,009 in hants.

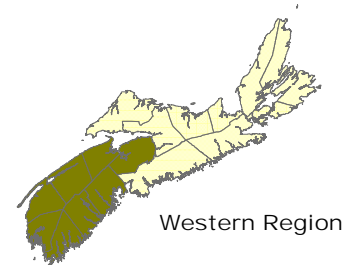


Housing - Repairs

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

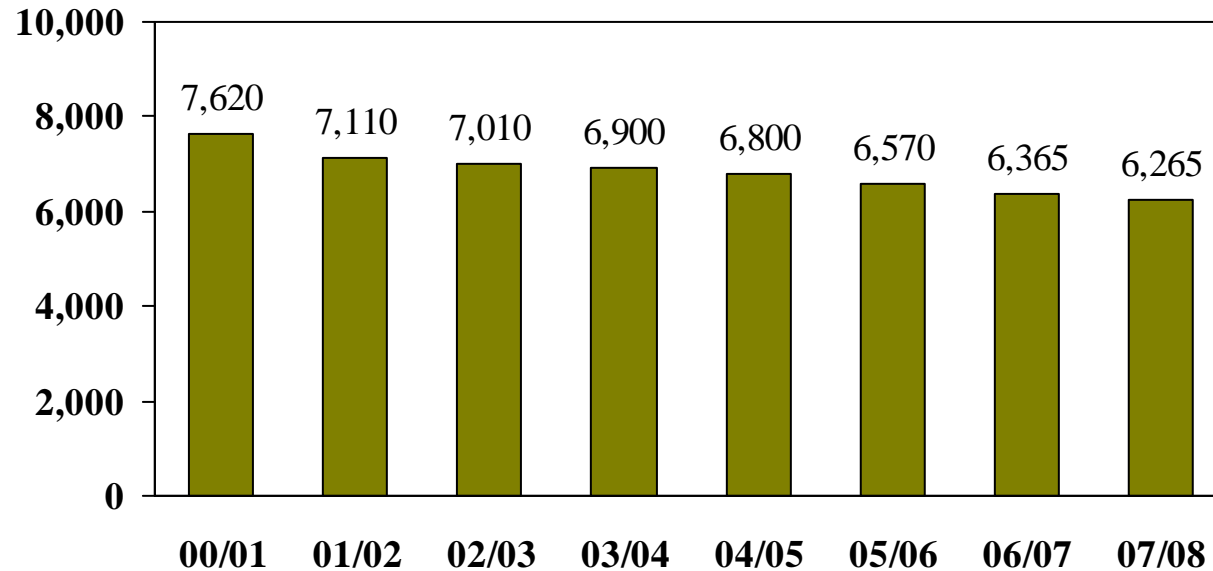


- Apart from Kings County, homes in the Western Region are in greater need of repair compared with both the provincial and national averages.
- The need for major repairs decreased in each Western county between 2001 and 2006.

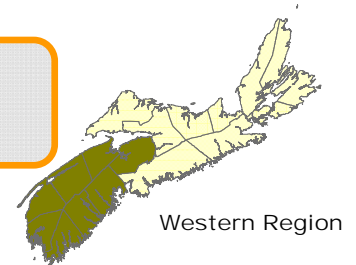


IA Caseload - Trends

**Average IA Caseload
Western Region by Fiscal Year**

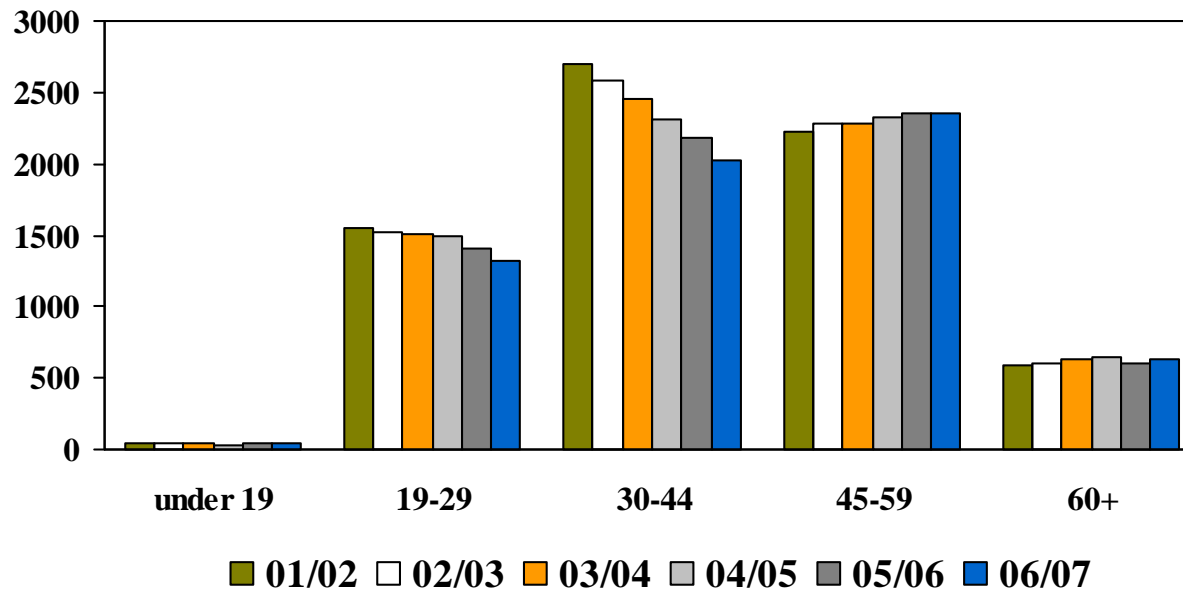


- As with provincial results, the number of income assistance cases in the Eastern Region is declining.

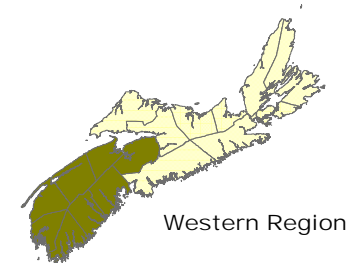


Aging IA Caseload

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

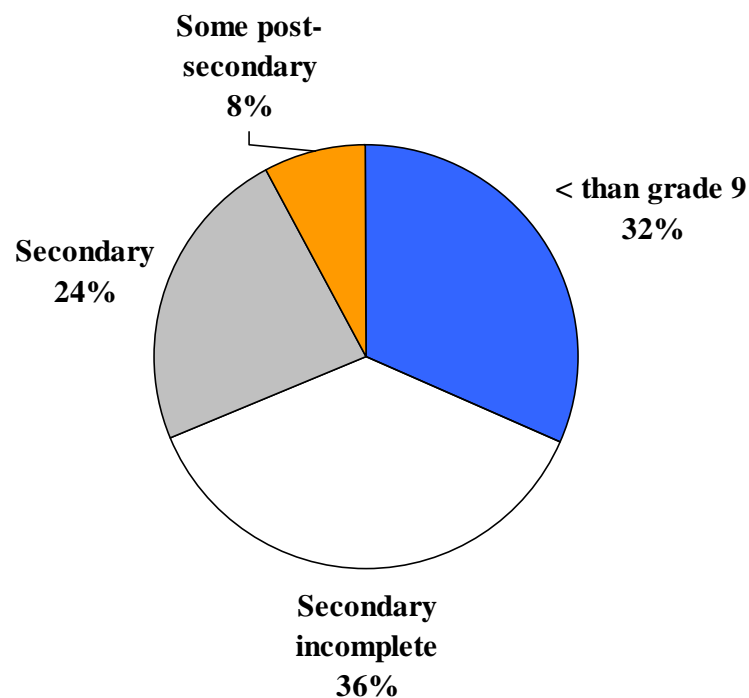


- As with the population, the average age of the Western Region's client caseload is rising.

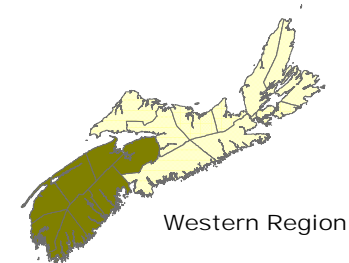


Education and the IA Caseload

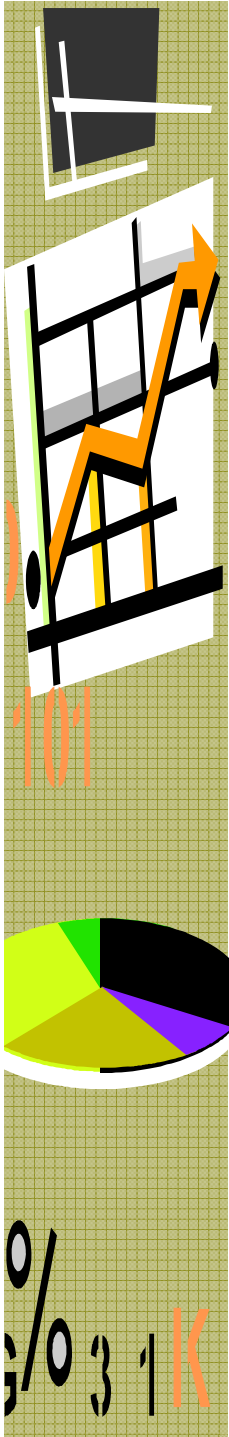
Highest Educational Attainment of Identified Clients for Income Assistance, Western Region, Fiscal Year 2005/06 *



- 32% of the Western Region's IA cases have completed high school or beyond.



Western Region



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/>

