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QUICK LOOK

AT THE NUMBERS

Western Zone



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Kings County

Population:

62,914

↑ 3.8%



Population Distribution

0-14 YRS

14 percent

15-24 YRS

11 percent

25-64 YRS

51 percent

65 + YRS

24 percent

One-Parent Families

16 percent

of families in Kings County are one-parent families

Low Income (LIM-AT)

In 2021, approximately

9,815 people (16%)

in Kings County were living in low income.

Compared to NS

16% VS 15%

Children 0-17 years . . . 18%
Children 0-5 years. . . . 20%
Seniors 65 and over. . . 21%

Median Income

The median income is the income amount that divides a population into two equal groups; half having an income above and half having an income below that amount.

Household Income

\$68,000

One Person Income

\$34,400

Two or More Persons

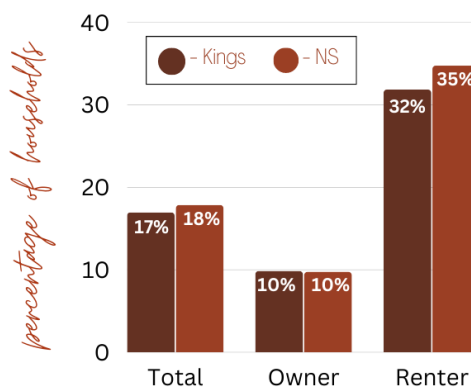
\$85,000

One-Parent Family

\$56,000

Housing Affordability

Spending More Than 30% on Shelter



Spending more than 30% of household income on shelter costs is an indicator of financial strain. It increases the risk of not having enough money for necessities such as food, clothing, and transportation.



RENTERS SPENDING > 30%

In Kings County, 11% of tenant households are in subsidized housing.

RENTERS

VS

OWNERS

Household Characteristics

private rented dwellings



32%

8,775 private households

private owned dwellings



68%

18,680 private households

Average Shelter Costs



\$929

Core Housing Need: 15%



\$1,002

Core Housing Need: 3%

A much larger proportion of renters spend more than 30% of household income on shelter costs and are in core housing need.

Overall, 2,160 households (8%) need major repair, and 25% (6,985) were built before 1960.

Educational Attainment

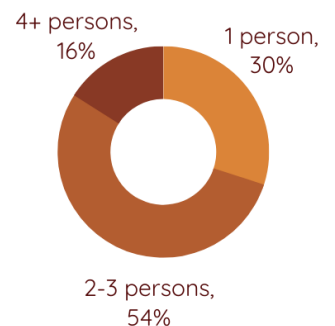
persons aged 25-64 years

11%

have no certificate, diploma or degree

Household Size

Average size: 2.2



Food Insecurity

Annapolis Valley - Hants
NS Quality of Life Survey

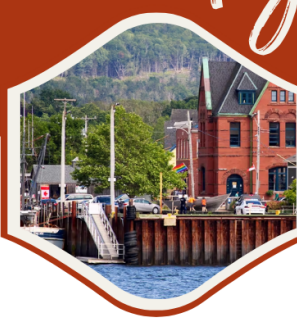


18.5% report eating less because there was not enough food or money at least once over the last year.

Annapolis County

Population:
21,252

↑ 3.2%



Population Distribution

0-14 YRS

13
percent

15-24 YRS

8
percent

25-64 YRS

50
percent

65 + YRS

29
percent

One-Parent Families

14
percent

of families in
Annapolis County are
one-parent families

Low Income (LIM-AT)

In 2021,
approximately
4,555
people (22%)
in Annapolis
County were
living in low
income.

Compared to NS

22% vs **15%**

- Children 0-17 years 23%
- Children 0-5 years 27%
- Seniors 65 and over . . . 27%

Median Income

The median income is the income amount that divides a population into two equal groups; half having an income above and half having an income below that amount.

Household Income

\$56,800

One Person Income

\$29,000

Two or More Persons

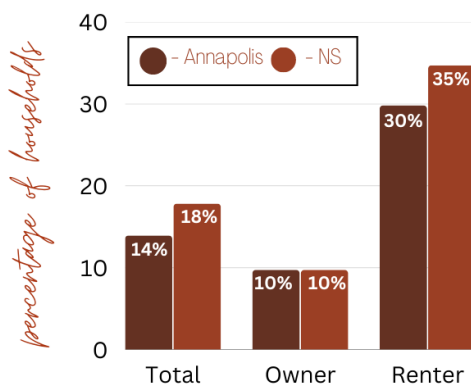
\$72,500

One-Parent Family

\$50,000

Housing Affordability

Spending More Than 30% on Shelter



Spending more than 30% of household income on shelter costs is an indicator of financial strain. It also increases the risk of having inadequate income for necessities such as food, clothing, and transportation.



RENTERS SPENDING > 30%

In Annapolis County, 18% of tenant households are in subsidized housing.

RENTERS

VS

OWNERS

Household Characteristics

private rented dwellings

21%

2,060 private households

private owned dwellings

79%

7,790 private households

Average Shelter Costs

\$763

Core Housing Need: **28%**

\$781

Core Housing Need: **10%**

A much larger proportion of renters spend more than 30% of household income on shelter costs and are in core housing need.

Overall, 1,180 households (12%) need major repair, and 42% (4,130) were built before 1960.

Educational Attainment

persons aged 25-64 years

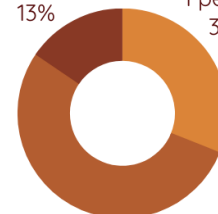
16%

have no certificate,
diploma or degree

Household Size

Average size: 2.1

4+ persons, 13%



2-3 persons,
55%

Food Insecurity

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Digby County

Population:

17,062

↘ -1.5%



Population Distribution

0-14 YRS

12
percent

15-24 YRS

8
percent

25-64 YRS

50
percent

65 + YRS

30
percent

One-Parent Families

16
percent

of families in Digby County are one-parent families

Low Income (LIM-AT)

In 2021, approximately **3,660** people (22%) in Digby County were living in low income.

Compared to NS

22% vs **15%**

Children 0-17 years 25%
Children 0-5 years 30%
Seniors 65 and over . . . 30%

Median Income

The median income is the income amount that divides a population into two equal groups; half having an income above and half having an income below that amount.

Household Income

\$55,600

One Person Income

\$29,000

Two or More Persons

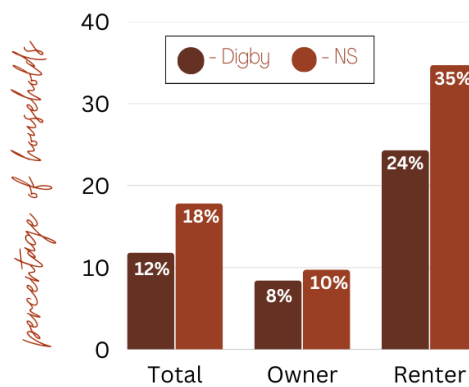
\$71,500

One-Parent Family

\$52,800

Housing Affordability

Spending More Than 30% on Shelter



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RENTERS SPENDING > 30%

In Digby County, 14% of tenant households are in subsidized housing.

RENTERS

VS

OWNERS

Household Characteristics

private rented dwellings

21%

1,725 private households

private owned dwellings

78%

6,335 private households

Average Shelter Costs

\$724

Core Housing Need: **20%**

\$680

Core Housing Need: **7%**

A much larger proportion of renters spend more than 30% of household income on shelter costs and are in core housing need.

Overall, 1,000 households (12%) need major repair, and 42% (3,375) were built before 1960.

Educational Attainment

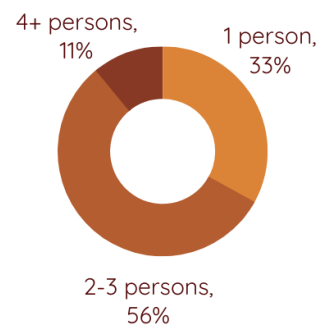
persons aged 25-64 years

22%

have no certificate, diploma or degree

Household Size

Average size: 2.1



Food Insecurity

South West
NS Quality of Life Survey



20% report eating less because there was not enough food or money at least once over the last year.

Yarmouth County

Population:

24,947

↑ 2.2%

Population Distribution

0-14 YRS

14 percent

15-24 YRS

10 percent

25-64 YRS

50 percent

65 + YRS

26 percent

One-Parent Families

16 percent

of families in Yarmouth County are one-parent families

Low Income (LIM-AT)

In 2021, approximately **4,480** people (18%) in Yarmouth County were living in low income.

Compared to NS



18% VS 15%

- Children 0-17 years. . . . 19%
- Children 0-5 years. . . . 22%
- Seniors 65 and over . . . 28%

Median Income

The median income is the income amount that divides a population into two equal groups; half having an income above and half having an income below that amount.

Household Income

One Person Income

\$62,400

\$30,600

Two or More Persons

One-Parent Family

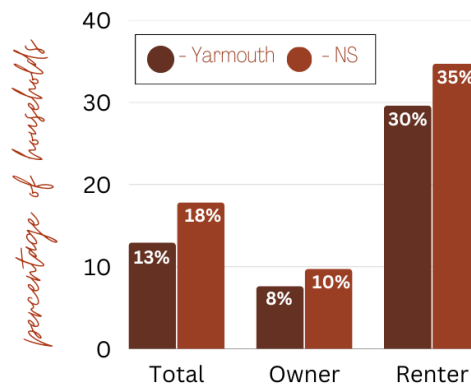
\$81,000

\$54,000



Housing Affordability

Spending More Than 30% on Shelter



Spending more than 30% of household income on shelter costs is an indicator of financial strain. It also increases the risk of having inadequate income for necessities such as food, clothing, and transportation.



RENTERS SPENDING > 30%

In Yarmouth County, 22% of tenant households are in subsidized housing.

RENTERS

VS

OWNERS

Household Characteristics

private rented dwellings

24%

2,695 private households

private owned dwellings

75%

8,450 private households

Average Shelter Costs

\$762

Core Housing Need: 13%

\$812

Core Housing Need: 4%

A much larger proportion of renters spend more than 30% of household income on shelter costs and are in core housing need.

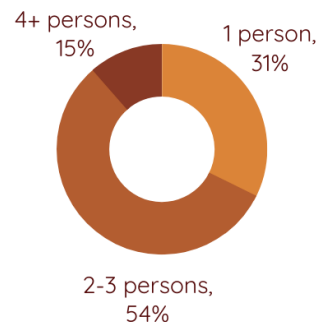
Overall, 1,175 households (11%) need major repair, and 37% (4,175) were built before 1960.

Educational Attainment

persons aged 25-64 years
18% have no certificate, diploma or degree

Household Size

Average size: 2.2



Food Insecurity

South West
NS Quality of Life Survey



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Shelburne County

Population:

13,704

-1.9%

Population Distribution

0-14 YRS

13
percent

15-24 YRS

9
percent

25-64 YRS

51
percent

65 + YRS

27
percent

One-Parent Families

16
percent

of families in
Shelburne County are
one-parent families

Low Income (LIM-AT)

In 2021,
approximately
2,495
people (19%)
in Shelburne
County were living
in low income.

Compared to NS

19% VS **15%**

Children 0-17 years . . . 20%
Children 0-5 years . . . 25%
Seniors 65 and over . . . 30%

Median Income

The median income is the income amount that divides a population into two equal groups; half having an income above and half having an income below that amount.

Household Income

\$62,800

One Person Income

\$32,800

Two or More Persons

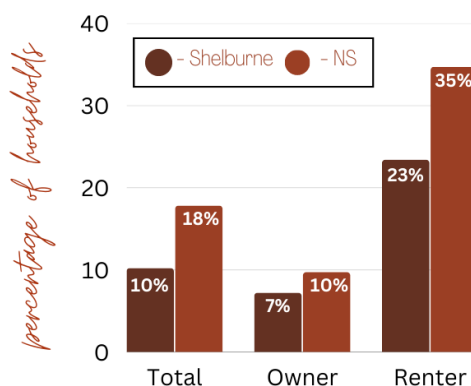
\$82,000

One-Parent Family

\$51,200

Housing Affordability

Spending More Than 30% on Shelter



Spending more than 30% of household income on shelter costs is an indicator of financial strain. It also increases the risk of having inadequate income for necessities such as food, clothing, and transportation.



RENTERS SPENDING > 30%

In Shelburne County, 14% of tenant households are in subsidized housing.

RENTERS

VS

OWNERS

Household Characteristics

private rented dwellings

19%

1,225 private households

private owned dwellings

81%

5,250 private households

Average Shelter Costs

\$702

Core Housing Need: **24%**

\$705

Core Housing Need: **7%**

A much larger proportion of renters spend more than 30% of household income on shelter costs and are in core housing need.

Overall, 585 households (9%) need major repair, and 34% (2,210) were built before 1960.

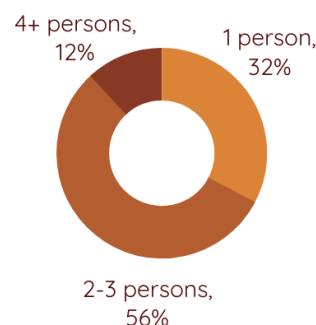
Educational Attainment

persons aged 25-64 years

25% have no certificate, diploma or degree

Household Size

Average size: 2.1



Food Insecurity

South West
NS Quality of Life Survey



20% report eating less because there was not enough food or money at least once over the last year.

Queens County

Population:
10,501

↑ 1.4%



Population Distribution

0-14 YRS

11
percent

15-24 YRS

8
percent

25-64 YRS

50
percent

65 + YRS

31
percent

One-Parent Families

14
percent

of families in
Queens County are
one-parent families

Low Income (LIM-AT)

In 2021,
approximately
2,160
people (21%)
in Queens
County were
living in low
income.

Compared to NS

21% VS **15%**

Children 0-17 years . . . 23%
Children 0-5 years . . . 30%
Seniors 65 and over . . . 26%

Median Income

The median income is the income amount that divides a population into two equal groups; half having an income above and half having an income below that amount.

Household Income

\$56,800

One Person Income

\$30,000

Two or More Persons

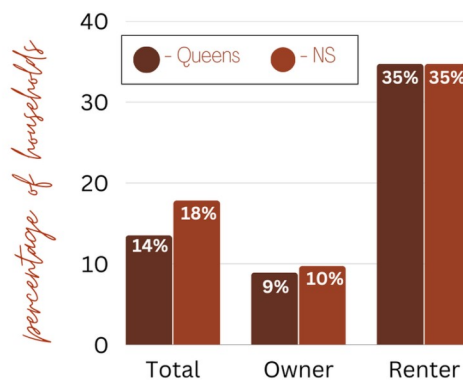
\$73,500

One-Parent Family

\$50,800

Housing Affordability

Spending More Than 30% on Shelter



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RENTERS SPENDING > 30%

In Queens County, 18% of tenant households are in subsidized housing.

RENTERS

VS

OWNERS

Household Characteristics

private rented dwellings

18%

885 private households

private owned dwellings

82%

4,100 private households

Average Shelter Costs

\$772

Core Housing Need: **17%**

\$707

Core Housing Need: **4%**

A much larger proportion of renters spend more than 30% of household income on shelter costs and are in core housing need.

Overall, 620 households (12%) need major repair, and 44% (2,175) were built before 1960.

Educational Attainment

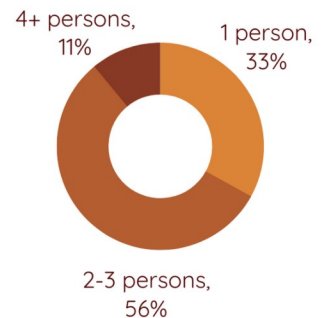
persons aged 25-64 years

17%

have no certificate,
diploma or degree

Household Size

Average size: 2.1



Food Insecurity

Lunenburg-Queens
NS Quality of Life Survey



17% report eating less because there was not enough food or money at least once over the last year.

Lunenburg County

Population:

48,599

↑ 3.1%



Population Distribution

0-14 YRS

12 percent

15-24 YRS

8 percent

25-64 YRS

50 percent

65 + YRS

30 percent

One-Parent Families

14 percent of families in Lunenburg County are one-parent families

Low Income (LIM-AT)

In 2021, approximately 7,755 people (16%) in Lunenburg County were living in low income.

Compared to NS

16% vs 15%

Children 0-17 years 17%
Children 0-5 years 18%
Seniors 65 and over . . . 22%

Median Income

The median income is the income amount that divides a population into two equal groups; half having an income above and half having an income below that amount.

Household Income

\$65,500

One Person Income

\$32,400

Two or More Persons

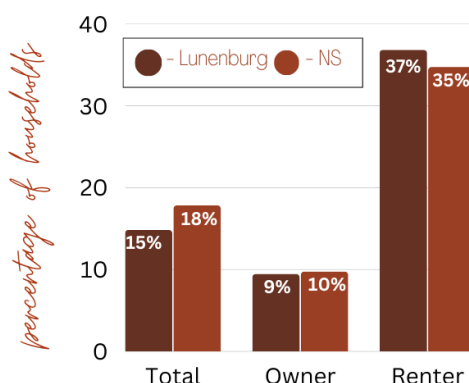
\$82,000

One-Parent Family

\$58,000

Housing Affordability

Spending More Than 30% on Shelter



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RENTERS SPENDING > 30%

RENTERS

VS

OWNERS

Household Characteristics

private rented dwellings

19%

4,350 private households

private owned dwellings

80%

18,055 private households

Average Shelter Costs

\$917

Core Housing Need: 24%

\$873

Core Housing Need: 6%

A much larger proportion of renters spend more than 30% of household income on shelter costs and are in core housing need.

Overall, 2,025 households (9%) need major repair, and 32% (7,245) were built before 1960.

Educational Attainment

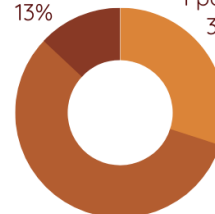
persons aged 25-64 years

13% have no certificate, diploma or degree

Household Size

Average size: 2.1

4+ persons, 13%
1 person, 30%



2-3 persons, 57%

Food Insecurity

Lunenburg-Queens
NS Quality of Life Survey



17% report eating less because there was not enough food or money at least once over the last year.