



Community Reflections

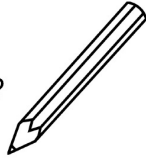
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How does our child population compare...

Nationally?

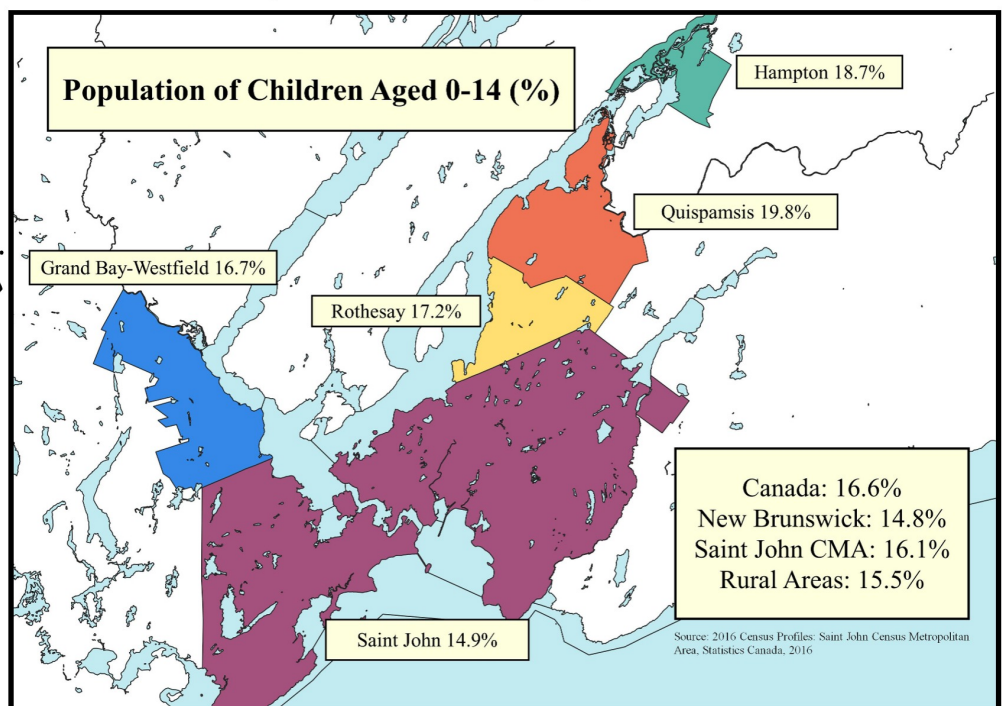
Provincially?

Locally?



The 0-14 Age Group

POPULATION OF CHILDREN AGED 0-14 YEARS OLD



What is so significant about the 0-14 age group? This number shows where people are choosing to raise children. An increase or decrease in the number of children in a given area indicates how many schools are needed or how many daycare spaces will need to be filled.

According to the 2016 Census, each municipality in the CMA except the City of Saint John shows populations of 0-14 year olds well above national and provincial rates. Quispamsis comes out ahead with just under 20% of the town's population falling into this age range.

The Saint John CMA is home to 20,305 children aged 0-14.



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Three new elementary schools opened in the region between 2015 and 2017.

There are 1700+ registered daycare spaces available in the CMA.**



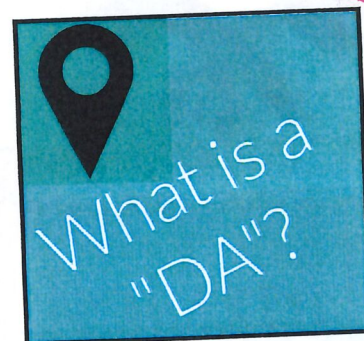
*Source: 2016 Census Profiles, Saint John Census Metropolitan Area (CMA), Statistics Canada, 2016

**Source: "Childcare Deserts in Canada", Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives (CCPA), 2018



Detailed Breakdown	Population (%)		
	0-4 Years	5-9 Years	10-14
Canada	1,898,790	2,018,130	1,922,645
New Brunswick	34,365	38,250	37,880
Saint John CMA	6255	7065	6990
Saint John (City)	3245	3565	3235
Rothsday	560	635	800
Quispamsis	965	1300	1335
Hampton	275	250	270
Grand Bay-Westfield	235	275	320
Rural Areas	975	1040	1030

Source: 2016 Census Profiles, Saint John Census Metropolitan Area, Statistics Canada, 2016



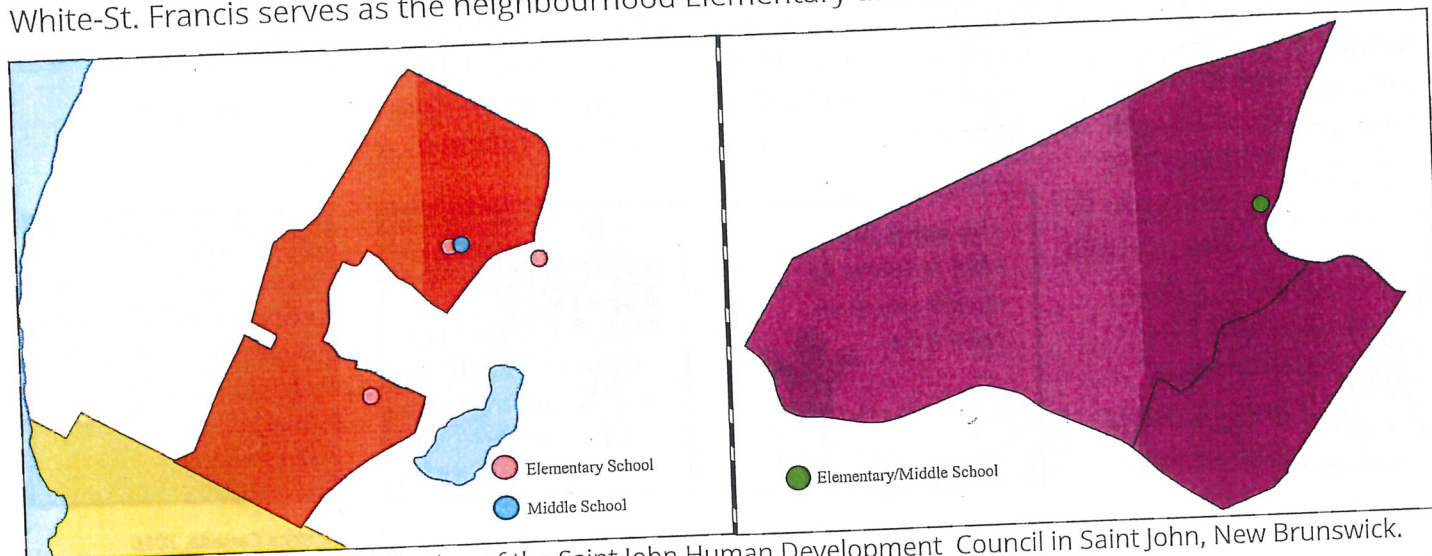
- ▶ A dissemination area (DA) is the smallest geographic area used by Statistics Canada.
- ▶ A DA contains 400 to 700 people



Population Boom:

Three dissemination areas (below) have the highest concentrations of Children 0-14 of any other DA-level geography in the CMA. On the left is an area of Quispamsis that covers much of Pettingill Road. In total, there are 550 children residing in this 2.7 kilometer area. The area also hosts four schools: three elementary and one middle school.

The other two DAs (bottom right) are located in Crescent Valley--a priority neighbourhood in the North End of Saint John. Together, there are 390 children living in a 1.6 kilometer area. Hazen White-St. Francis serves as the neighbourhood Elementary and Middle school (K-8).



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