

Plan Review Background

People and Economy



Population

10,599 people lived in the District according to the 2011 Census. This is lower than in 2001, when there were 10,871 residents. Like many areas of Nova Scotia, young people are moving away. Since 1991, the number of young adults has dropped 43%.

Population Trends

If trends continue, the population could shrink to just under 9,000 people in the year 2036. There are now more residents moving out of the area than are moving into the area. Also, there are fewer young families with children.

New Residents

1,619 new residents moved to the District between 2006 and 2011. Most new residents moved from other parts of Nova Scotia. About 28% of new residents came from another province in Canada. 8% of new residents have moved here from another country.

Safety and Crime

Crime rates in Lunenburg County are below crime rates for all of Nova Scotia and the rest of Canada.

Important Industries

The biggest industries, and the percentage of workers they employ are:

- Sales and Services, 22%
- Trades and Transportation, 19%
- Education and Government, 12%

Many workers in trades and transportation provide services to the fisheries and forestry sectors. Many workers in sales and services are in the tourism sector.

Health

According to the 2013 Vital Signs Report, the District has high rates of smoking and obesity, and low rates of exercise.

Incomes

Household incomes tend to be lower than other parts of Nova Scotia. The median household income in the District is just over \$50,000 a year. The median income for Nova Scotia households is \$53,000 a year.

Based on the 2011 Census, over 18% of residents have a low income. Low income means residents may be unable to afford food, shelter or other necessities.

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