

Developing Infrastructure to Assess New Brunswick's Labour Market and Economic Competitiveness

This project was funded by the Labour division of the New Brunswick Department of Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour and involved a series of studies on different aspects of the provincial labour market that impact its economic competitiveness. These studies included an assessment of provincial skills portfolios based on confidential Canadian census data from 1991-2006; a projection of provincial labour supply and demand from 2011-2021 based on a variety of data sets from Statistics and Canada and regional organizations; an analysis of barriers to workplace learning based on qualitative data collected from employers in medium sized businesses in the southern region of the province; the creation of an index in order assess differences in regional capacities for innovative economic development based on confidential census data from 2001 and 2006; an investigation into the province's growing dependency ratios (the ratio of employed workers to youth/seniors); and an exploration of high school graduates' understanding of labour market opportunities along with their postsecondary education plans based on data from provincial high school exit surveys.