

## Quality of Life

Cumberland County offers the best of both worlds - a relaxing lifestyle in a safe and friendly environment, combined with modern transportation and communications links to the rest of the world. With a fully digital telecommunications network, high speed Internet access available in a growing number of communities, excellent rail, road, air and sea links, Cumberland County offers easy access to markets across North America and around the world. The County also boasts modern, state-of-the-art health care and educational facilities, a vibrant and growing retail sector, a diverse agriculture industry, outstanding golf courses, and excellent facilities for hockey, baseball and soccer.

Climate								
Average Daily Temperature	High	Low	Average		High	Low	Average	
Celsius					Fahrenheit			
July	24	12.7	18.4		July	75.2	54.9	65.1
January	-2.3	-12.3	-7.3		January	27.9	9.9	18.9
Annual Averages								
	Rainfall in Inches			36.1"				
	Rainfall in Millimetres			915.9 mm				
	Snowfall in inches			104.3"				
	Snowfall in Centimetres			265 cm				
	Wind Speed in Miles per Hour			avg 10miles/hr				
	Wind Speed in Kilometres per Hour			avg 16km/hr				
	Number of Hours Sunny or Partly Sunny			1790				
Elevation	High		Low		Average			
Mean feet above sea level	24		5		18.25			
Mean metres above sea level	7.3		1.5		5.56			
Source: Environment Canada, Nappan, NS CDA								

**Personal Income Tax (2006) Rate Range**

Federal	15% on the first \$36,378 of taxable income; 22% on the next \$36,378 of taxable income; 26% on the next \$45,529 of taxable income; and 29% of taxable income over \$118,285.
Provincial	8.79% on the first \$29,590 of taxable income, + 14.95% on the next \$29,590, + 16.67% on the next \$33,820 + 17.5% on the amount over \$93,000

Source: Canada Revenue Agency

[Federal Tax Rates](#)  
[Provincial Tax Rates](#)

**Residential Tax**

Amherst	\$1.69 per \$100 of assessment
County	\$0.96 per \$100 of assessment
Oxford	\$1.56 per \$100 of assessment
Parrsboro	\$2.03 per \$100 of assessment
Springhill	\$2.12 per \$100 of assessment

**Sales Tax Rate**

Major Exeptions	The HST applies to all goods and services with a few exclusions: Residential rentals,Financial Services,Medical Services,Basic Groceries,Prescription Drugs
Federal/Provincial	14%

Source: Canda Revenue Agency

## Housing

Number of Homes on the Market	Single Family = 200	Town Houses 0	Condominiums 0
Number of Homes for sale by price	Under \$150,000 = 145	\$200,001 - \$250,000 = 12	
	\$150,001 - \$200,000 = 25	\$250,001 - Over = 18	
Average Selling Prices			
Single Family Home, 5 bdrms	\$165,563		
Single Family Home, 4 bdrms	\$130,822		
Single Family Home, 3 bdrms	\$117,137		
<a href="http://www.mls.ca">Source: www.mls.ca</a>	08-Jun-06		

Note: Homes on the market are based on Single Family Homes with either 3, 4, or 5 bedrooms.

The results include only those homes listed within the Multiple Listing Service and do not include properties listed elsewhere, or those homes for sale by private owner.

## Rentals

Average Monthly Rental Rate	
Bachelor Apartment	N/A
One Bedroom Apartment	\$465
Two Bedroom Apartment	\$605
Three Bedroom Apartment	\$592
Apartment Vacancy Rate %	4%

Source: Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, Market Analysis Centre

Education			
Number of School Districts	1-Chignecto Central Regional School Board (CCRSB)		<a href="#">Link - Chignecto Central Regional School Board</a>
Town Schools	Town-schools within Amherst, Oxford, Parrsboro, and Springhill		
	Adult High, Amherst Regional High, E.B. Chandler Junior High, Junction Road Elementary, Oxford Regional Elementary, Oxford Regional High, Parrsboro Regional Elementary, Parrsboro Regional High, Springhill Jr/Sr High, Spring Street Academy, West End Memorial, West Highlands Elementary.		
County Schools	County- schools located within Cumberland County		
	Advocate District, Cumberland North Academy, Cyrus eaton Elementary, Northport Consolidated Elementary, Pugwash District High, River Hebert District Elementary, River Hebert District High, Wallace Consolidated Elementary, Wentworth Consolidated Elementary		
Enrolment	Total	Town	County
Elementary School Enrolment (Gr.P-4)	1,614	1163	451
Secondary School Junior Enrolment (Gr. 5-8)	1,366	1068	298
Secondary School Senior Enrolment (Gr. 9-12)	1,475	1195	290
Spending per Student (2003-2004) Total CCRSB	\$5,815	N/A	N/A
School Administration & Instruction Expenditures	\$3,913	N/A	N/A
<a href="#">Source: Department of Education, Statistical Summary 2003-2004</a>			
Student Teacher Ratios	Enrolment	Teachers	Ratio
Nova Scotia	148514	9305.5	16
<a href="#">Source: Department of Education, Education Facts for Nova Scotia 2003-2004</a>			

English 12 Provincial Exam	2004 CCRSB results	2005 CCRSB results	2005 Provincial Results
Participation Rate %			
Average Score %	59%	64.5%	63.9%
Success Rate			
English/Communications 12 Provincial	2004 CCRSB results	2005 CCRSB results	2005 Provincial Results
Participation Rate %			
Average Score %	49%	61.3%	60.1%
Success Rate			
Math 12 Provincial Exam	2004 CCRSB results	2005 CCRSB results	2005 Provincial Results
Participation Rate %			
Average Score %	N/A	39.7%	41.3%
Success Rate			
Advanced Math 12 Provincial Exam	2004 CCRSB results	2005 CCRSB results	2005 Provincial Results
Participation Rate %			
Average Score %		52.3%	53.9%
Success Rate			
<a href="#">Source: 2004 Minister's Report to Parents</a>			
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Number of Schools	Town	County
Elementary School # of schools	6	6
Junior School # of schools	1	0
Senior School # of schools	5	3

Source: Chignecto-Central Regional School Board (CCRSB)

[View Chignecto Family School Facilities Review](#)

Higher Education			
Institution Name	Address	City	Distance from Community
Mount Allison University	York Street	Sackville, New Brunswick	20kms, 12.5miles
Full Time Enrollment	2,242		
Annual Degrees Conferred			
Undergraduate	460		
Graduate	1		
Curricula w/Masters Degrees (List)		Master of Science (Biology), Master of Science (Chemistry)	
Curricula w/Doctorate Degrees (List)		N/A	
Source: Laura Dillman, Media Relations Co-ordinator, Mount Allison University			
Institution Name	Address	City	Distance from Community
Nova Scotia Community College	1 Main Street	Springhill	Springhill is centrally located in Cumberland
Full Time Enrollment	336		
Annual Graduates 2005-2006	115		
Source: Suzanne Drapeau, Manager, Institutional Research & Analysis, NSCC			

Health Care	# of Hospitals	# of Teaching Hospitals	# of Beds
Hospitals	5	0	127
Cumberland Regional Health Care Centre			
All Saints Hospital			
Bayview Memorial Hospital		<a href="#">Link - Cumberland Health Authority</a>	
South Cumberland Community Care Centre			
North Cumberland Memorial Hospital			
# of Outpatient (Emergency) Clinics	4		
	located at each hospital with the exception of Bayview Memorial hospital (nurses are available, but no doctor is on staff)		
Source: Ann Keddy, Director of Public Relations, Cumberland Health Authority. 902-661-1090			

# of Physicians & Dentists in the Area	
Physicians	49
Ratio Per 1000 Population	1.5
Dentists	11
Ratio Per 1000 Population	0.34
Source: Ann Keddy, Director of Public Relations, Cumberland Health Authority. 902-661-1090	

Crime Statistics, Amherst* police, 2005	
Property	176
Violent	78
Other	205
Total All Incidents	527
*Location Policed name changed from Amherst to Cumberland County in 2006.	
Source: Uniform Crime Reporting Survey, Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics, Statistics Canada, 2005	

# of Enclosed Regional Malls	1	Amherst Centre Mall
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Sports	Home	Division	
Hockey			
Amherst Ramblers	Amherst	Junior A	<a href="#">Amherst Ramblers</a>
Cumberland County Cool Blues	Springhill	Junior B	<a href="#">Cumberland County Cool Blues</a>
Cumberland County Minor Hockey Association	Varies	Varies	<a href="#">Cumberland County Minor Hockey Association</a>

Culture		
Top Annual Events	Event	Dates
	<a href="#">Gathering of the Clans</a>	July 1 - Pugwash, NS
	<a href="#">Cumberland County Exhibiton</a>	end of August, beginning of September, Oxford, NS
	<a href="#">Nova Scotia Gem and Mineral Show</a>	August, Parrsboro, NS
	<a href="#">Ships Company Theatre Concert Series</a>	Summer, Parrsboro, NS
	<a href="#">Blessing of the Crops</a>	third Sunday in August, Minudie, NS

Religious Institutions		
African Methodist Episcopalian		
	Highland AME Church	Church Street, Amherst
Anglican		
	Anglican Church	Church Street, Parrsboro
	Christ Anglican Church	Victoria Street, Amherst
	St. George's Anglican Church	Russell Street, Pugwash
	Christ Church Parish Hall	Wentworth Road, Wentworth
	All Saints Anglican Church	Main Street, Springhill
	St. Alban's Church	Pearl Street, River Hebert

Baptist		
	Baptist Church	Advocate, Advocate Harbour
	Baptist Church	Eastern Avenue, Parrsboro
	United Baptist Church	Church Street, Springhill
	Amherst Open Bible Church	Victoria Street, Amherst
	Christian Council for Reconciliation	John Black Road, Amherst
	First Baptist Church	Victoria Street, Amherst
	Little River Baptist Church	Little River Road, Oxford
	Oxford Baptist Church	Rideau Street, Oxford
	Baptist Church	Malagash
	River Hebert United Baptist Church	River Hebert
	United Baptist Church	Westchester
	United Baptist Church	Maccan
	Wallace River United Baptist Church	Fountain Road, Wallace
	Memorial United Baptist Church	Durham Street, Pugwash
Catholic		
	St. Thomas Aquinas Parish	Main Street, Joggins
	St. Brigid's Parish	Main Street, Parrsboro
	St. Cornelius Mission	Chapel Street, Springhill
	Atlantic Service Committee Charismatic Renewal	Fort Lawrence
	Nativity Of Our Lady	Cornwall Avenue, Amherst
	St Charles Borromeo Parish	Church Street, Amherst
	St. Cornelius Mission	Streets Ridge
	St. Paul the Apostle Parish	Baronsfield Road, River Hebert
	St. Thomas More Parish	Pugwash
Jehovah's Witnesses		
	Jehovah's Witness	Church Street, Amherst
	Jehovah's Witness	Main Street, Oxford
	Amherst Gospel Hall	Elmwood Drive, Amherst

Mormon		
	Church Of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	Milford Street, Amherst
	Moments of Inspiration	Wentworth
	Morman Missionaries	Church Street, Amherst
Nazarene		
	Nazarene Parsonage	Lwr Main Street, Oxford
	Amherst Community Church	Allison Avenue, Amherst
Other		
	Amherst Community Church	Victoria Street, Amherst
	Gospel Hall	Pugwash Junction
	Living Waters Chapel	Lake Killarney
	Oxford Gospel Hall	Waverly, Oxford
Pentecostal		
	Highway Pentecostal Tabernacle	Main Street, Parrsboro
	Crossroads Gospel Temp PAOC	Church Street, Amherst
	Faith United Pentecostal Church	Robert Angus Drive, Amherst
	Calvary Pentecostal Church	Handel Street, Amherst
Presbyterian		
	St David's Presbyterian Church	Junction Road, Springhill
	St James Presbyterian Church	Main Street, Oxford
Salvation Army		
	Salvation Army	Main Street, Springhill
	Salvation Army	Victoria Street, Amherst

United	
Grace United Church	Port Greville
United Church	Barronsfield Road, River Hebert
United Church	Advocate, Advocate Harbour
Trinity United Church	Queen Street, Parrsboro
Millvale United Baptist Church	Williamsdale, Collingwood Corner
United Church	Southampton
St Andrew's Wesley United Church	Main Street, Springhill
Immanuel United Church Office	Hickman Street, Amherst
Northumberland Pastoral Charge	Sunrise Trail, Amherst
Sunrise Trinity United Church	Amherst Head
Trinity - St Stephen's United	Ratchford Street, Amherst
Trinity United Church - Oxford Pastoral Charge	Main Street, Oxford
United Baptist Church	Wentworth
Wesley-St. Matthew's United Church	Church Street, Pugwash
Fenwick United Church	Linden
United Church	Wallace
Lorneville United Church	Lorneville
Cumberland Pastoral Charge Joggins United	Main Street, Joggins
Wesleyan Church	Spring Street, Amherst

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