

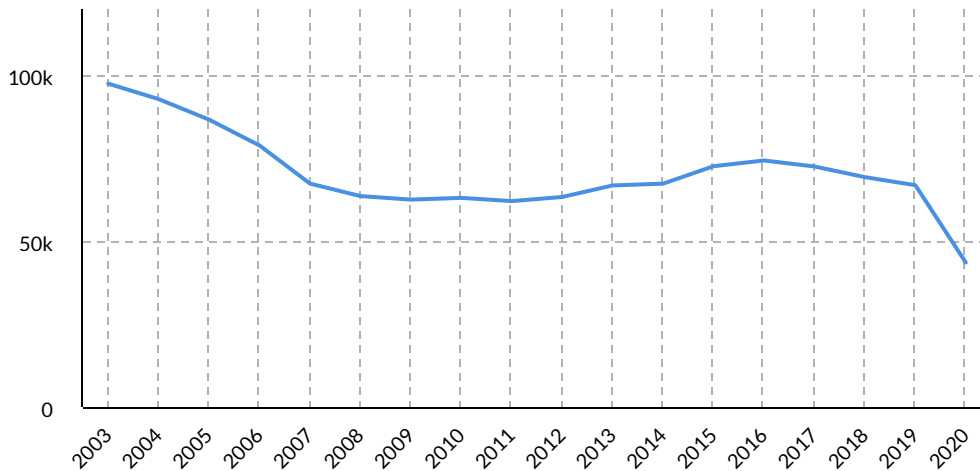
# Low Income

## Newfoundland and Labrador Market Basket Measure

### Number Below Low Income Threshold



**Number Below Low Income Threshold, All Persons  
Newfoundland and Labrador**



In the province, the number of people below the low income threshold declined significantly between 2003 and 2008, and then remained stable until 2011.

From 2011 to 2016 the number of people below the low income threshold had been slowly increasing but in 2017 started to decline again.

The largest decline was in 2020 due to the increase in government transfers in response to the economic shutdown during the COVID 19 pandemic.

In 2020, 43,570 people were below the low income threshold compared to 66,880 in 2019.

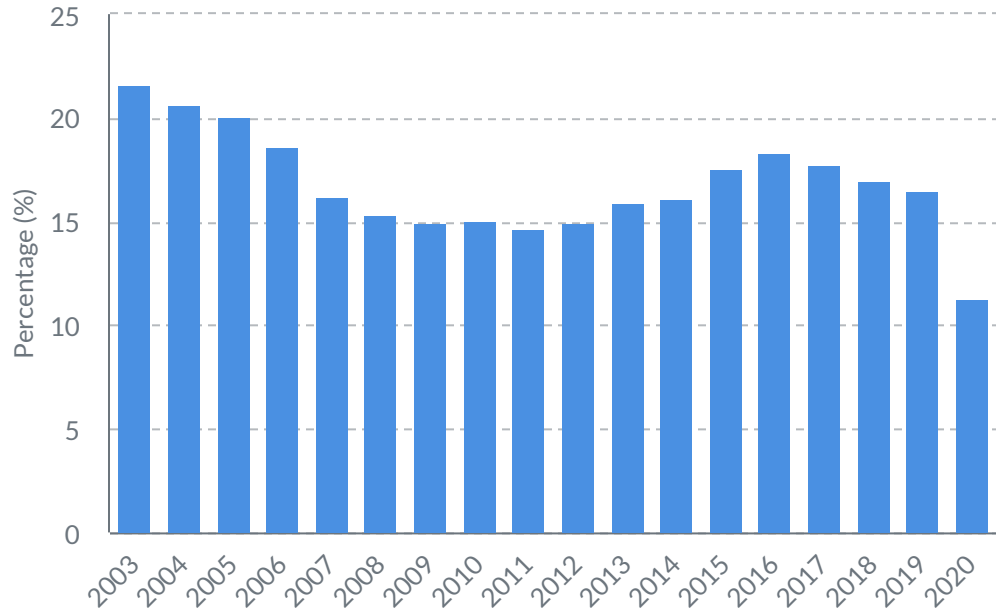
# Low Income Prevalence



In 2020 **11.3%**  
of all families were in low  
income.

Prevalence of low income  
(risk) measures the  
proportion of families with  
income below the low  
income threshold in a  
given year.

## Low Income Prevalence, All Families Newfoundland and Labrador



Source: Newfoundland and Labrador Market Basket Measure of Low Income. Statistics provided by Income Statistics Division, Statistics Canada, based on methodology developed by the Newfoundland and Labrador Statistics Agency.

# Low Income by Family Type

St. John's, 2020

Prevalence

Number of Families  
in Low Income

5.9%

Couple Families Without Children

740



3.7%

Couple Families With One Child

190



2.8%

Couple Families With Two Children

120



9.8%

Couple Families With Three or More Children

130



20.3%

Male Lone-Parent Families

210



26.2%

Female Lone-Parent Families

1,200



29.7%

Male Non Family Persons

3,280



20.7%

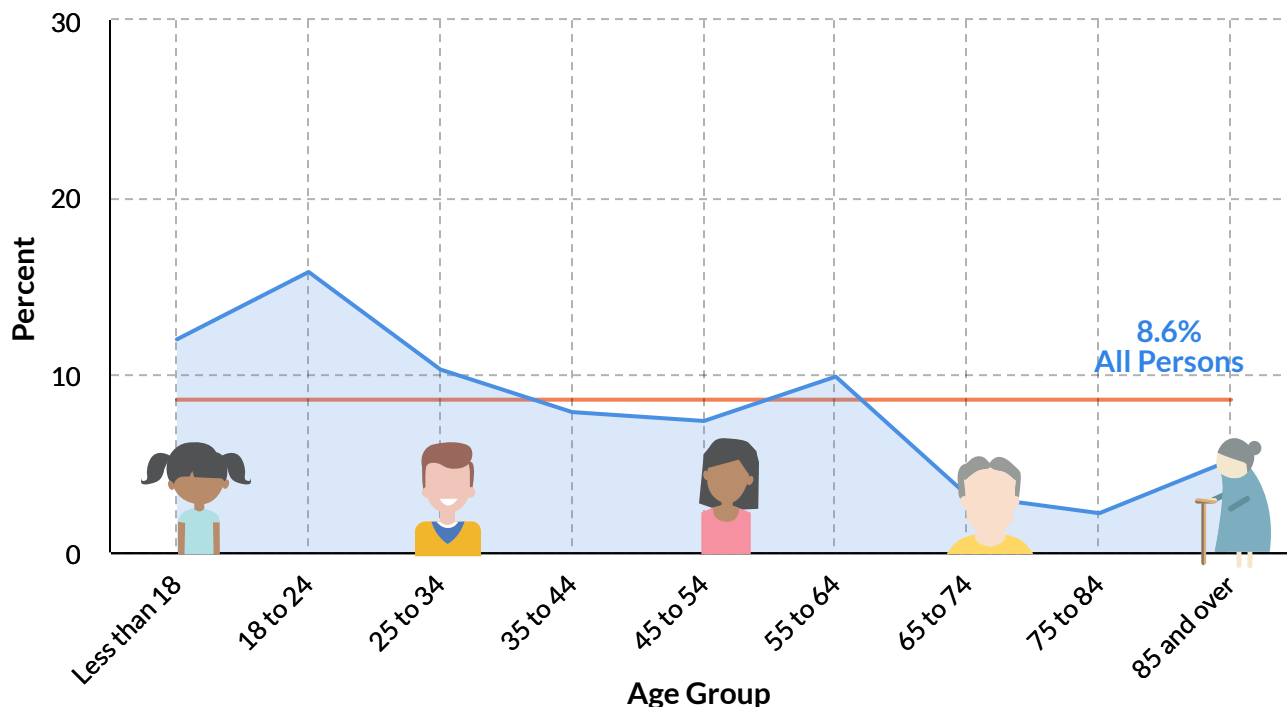
Female Non Family Persons

2,700



## Prevalence of Low Income by Age

Prevalence of Low Income by Age Group  
Newfoundland and Labrador, 2020



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Children and young adults were more likely to be in low income in 2020.

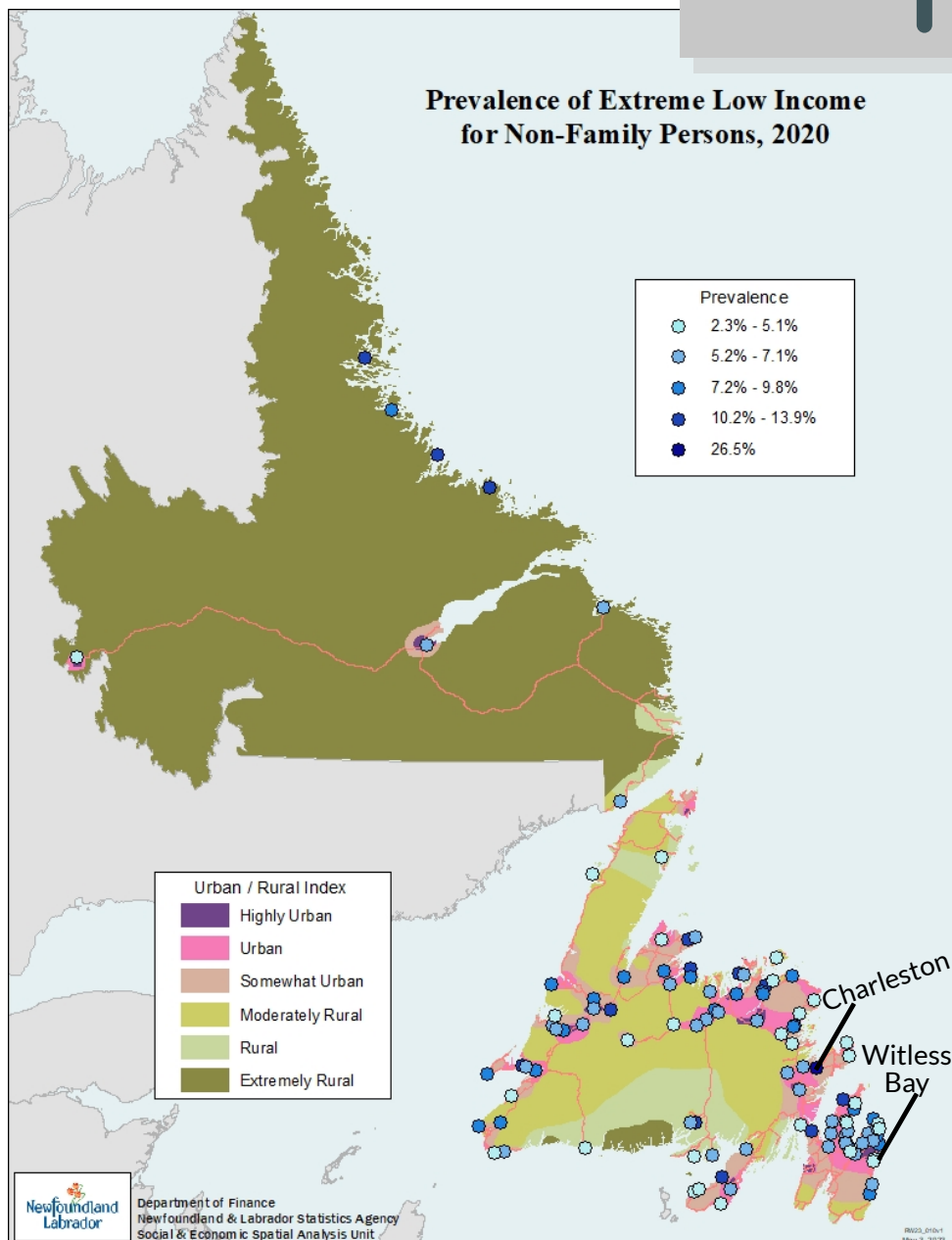
In 2020, the prevalence for those aged 85 years and older was higher than those 65 to 74 years old and 75 to 84 years old.

# Extreme Low Income

Extreme low income includes low income families and persons with a severe shortfall in disposable income that prevents them from affording some portion of the NLMBM standard of living (i.e., food, clothing, shelter, transportation, other goods and services). This includes all families and individuals with less than half the required disposable income to purchase the NLMBM Market Basket in their community.

## Non-Family Persons

Extreme low income prevalence for non-family persons ranged from 2.3% in Witless Bay to 26.5% in Charleston.



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