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Minister's message

Through much of the pandemic, it often felt like maintaining the status quo was the equivalent of progress. I am proud to say that our department worked diligently to rise beyond the status quo despite these unprecedented circumstances.

The COVID-19 pandemic continued to challenge the way we do our work, but also provided new opportunities to create positive change. Court proceedings adapted as needed to ongoing restrictions. The Child Support Recalculation Service, the Parent Education Program and the Court Ordered Support Evaluation Program were made available online, allowing easier access to these services for families. Quarterly reports on provincial court statistics became available to provide transparency on the operations of our provincial court system.

The department also made progress on its plan for a new courthouse in Fredericton. The courthouse will provide an effective, safe and accessible space for everyone participating in the justice system for generations to come. Work on the new courthouse is now underway and is expected to be complete by 2025.

Ensuring and improving access to justice is essential in building safer, vibrant communities. I would like to thank Justice and Public Safety employees for their unwavering dedication in these challenging times.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "H. Flemming". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "H" and a stylized "F".

Honourable Hugh J. Flemming, K.C.
Attorney General
Minister of Justice

Minister's message

For a second consecutive fiscal year, the Department of Justice and Public Safety played a frontline role in minimizing COVID-19's impact.

From enforcing the Emergency Order, to creating a travel registration program, to managing border checkpoints, our employees were called upon to take on new tasks and responsibilities, and they did so admirably. This was an important part of New Brunswick's response to the pandemic, which was the envy of many jurisdictions.

What should not be overlooked is how the department continued to execute its mandated duties. The team continued to provide support to victims of crime, processed permits and licences, monitored weather events with the intent to assist when required, executed enforcement operations and inspections, and ensured the province's correctional facilities were operating safely.

Despite the pandemic, we pursued important initiatives to make New Brunswick a safer place to live. These included legislative changes to modernize the effectiveness of municipal and regional police forces, and providing the legislative authority for communities to pursue technological traffic enforcement tools like red-light cameras.

As difficult as the last two years have been for New Brunswickers, they would have been harder without the professionalism and dedication of Justice and Public Safety employees. I am grateful for their service to our province, and I look forward to further building a safer, more vibrant future for New Brunswickers.



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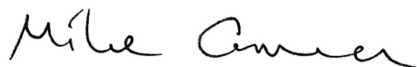
Deputy Minister's message

I am pleased to present the annual report for the Department of Justice and Public Safety for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2022.

Like many organizations, we hoped that the 2021-2022 fiscal year would bring some sense of normalcy and routine for our employees. Yet the only part that remained routine was our flexibility to adapt to the challenges that emerged due to the pandemic. Our teams pivoted when asked, stood down and stood up programs and continued to place the safety of New Brunswickers first and foremost in their day-to-day duties.

While we provided enforcement operations to support Public Health in its efforts to minimize the impact of COVID-19 for most of the year, we maintained our regular operations at all touchpoints, from correctional facilities and court houses, to regional offices and weigh stations. Our legislative activities were also significant, as we tabled 10 bills that received Royal Assent and filed 18 regulations.

More than 1,700 people make up the Department of Justice and Public Safety, and are unwavering in their commitment to building safer, more resilient communities and in ensuring the impartial administration of justice. It is a privilege to serve the province alongside these employees each and every day.



Michael J. Comeau, K.C.
Deputy Attorney General
Deputy Minister of Justice and Public Safety

Government Priorities

Delivering for New Brunswickers

ONE TEAM ONE GNB

One Team One GNB is our vision as an organization and a collaborative approach to how we operate. It is our path forward, and it represents a civil service that is working collectively across departments, professions, and sectors. Together, we are learning, growing, and adapting, and discovering new and innovative ways of doing business. It is enabling us to achieve the outcomes needed for New Brunswickers, and we are working more efficiently and effectively than ever before.

As *One Team One GNB*, we are improving the way government departments:

- communicate with one another,
- work side-by-side on important projects, and
- drive focus and accountability.

STRATEGY AND OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT

The Department of Justice and Public Safety uses a Formal Management system built on leading business practices to develop, communicate and review strategy. This process provides employees with a proven methodology to execute strategy, increase accountability and continuously drive improvement.

GOVERNMENT PRIORITIES

Our vision for 2021-2022 is a vibrant and sustainable New Brunswick. To make progress towards this vision, we must focus on our government's priorities.

- Energize private sector
- Vibrant and sustainable communities
- Affordable, responsive and high-performing government
- Dependable public health care
- World-class education, and
- Environment

COVID RESPONSE

As the department responsible for the enforcement of the *Emergency Measures Act*, Justice and Public Safety continued its work to ensure the compliance of individuals, businesses and institutions with evolving public health measures until restrictions were lifted in March 2022.

HIGHLIGHTS

During the 2021-2022 fiscal year, the Department of Justice and Public Safety focused on the following strategic priorities:

- Enforcement operations prioritized compliance with the provincial state of emergency order until mandatory COVID-19 measures were lifted on March 14, 2022.
- *An Act Respecting Image-Capturing Enforcement Systems* was introduced to provide municipalities the authority to use technology such as red-light cameras and photo radar to gather evidence of potential violations of the *Motor Vehicle Act*.
- Amendments to the *Gaming Control Act* were passed to permit the use of handheld electronic devices for 50-50 raffles and online draws to benefit charitable lottery organizers.
- The *Police Act* was amended to modernize the effectiveness of municipal and regional police forces, to address transparency in police governance and service delivery, and to allow the provincial government to establish an agreement with Nova Scotia on the use of its police oversight agency.
- Legislative Services produced 37 government bills and 72 regulations including legislation related to local governance reform and the new *Child and Youth Well-Being Act*.
- The New Brunswick Emergency Measures Organization was among more than 40 regional, provincial, federal and international agencies participating in the 2021 Synergy Challenge, a full-scale exercise to demonstrate preparedness in the event of a nuclear emergency.
- The Family Division of the Court of King's Bench resumed operations at the Fredericton courthouse on January 1, 2022, after more than a year of operating in an alternate facility to adapt to COVID-19 safety measures and restriction.
- The Department launched two data-driven public resources: the Public Safety Crime Dashboard and the Provincial Court Reports. Both resources are designed to promote transparency by providing the public with information on crime rates and provincial court operations.
- New mental health support for first responders and other public safety personnel was launched in New Brunswick thanks to a partnership with the Department of Health, Public Safety Canada and Medavie.
- The Office of the Fire Marshal introduced virtual courses to improve access to training for volunteer firefighters.

Performance Outcomes

The information below outlines some of the department's priorities and how we measured our performance.

Outcome #1

DISRUPT THE ILLEGAL DRUG TRADE

Justice and Public Safety supports the work of provincial law enforcement agencies to curb the illegal drug trade in New Brunswick. This is accomplished through legislation and various initiatives, such as the Safer Communities Program, which aims to dismantle organized crime activities, as well as the Crime Prevention Conditional Grant Fund, which applies a community-based approach to address the underlying causes of criminality

Why is it important?

Organized crime related to the drug trade significantly harms communities, devastates families, and reduces the effectiveness of harm reduction initiatives.

Overall performance

The department committed to informing the public on ongoing efforts to disrupt the illegal drug trade, with details on seizures of drugs, weapons and proceeds of crime; arrest and charges; and the execution of community safety orders.

Between April 2021 and March 2022, policing agencies seized more than 4,000 units of opioids, nearly 61,000 units of methamphetamines, nearly 3,400 grams of cocaine and 78 firearms.

During the same period, 32 disruptions occurred. Disruptions are described as instances where a warrant was executed and/or where individuals were arrested resulting in preventing, delaying, diverting or complicating the commission of crimes by a mid-level criminal network in New Brunswick.

Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods (SCAN) Act resolutions for this period totalled 73. Resolutions include instances where an investigation under the *SCAN Act* led to actions to help stop a property from being regularly used to conduct illegal activities in New Brunswick. The number of properties vacated was 45 and 57 community safety warnings were issued.

What initiatives were undertaken to achieve the outcome?

- In the 2021-2022 budget, the Government of New Brunswick committed \$2.3M to support the RCMP crime reduction unit with the goal of reducing the illegal drug supply in the province and \$2M to create a Safer Communities Program to complement the crime reduction unit.
- To provide the public and communities with information and transparency on crime, a Public Safety Crime Dashboard was launched online. It uses data from Statistics Canada and is presented in an interactive and user-friendly format.

Outcome #2

INCREASE CONFIDENCE IN POLICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY

In 2021-22, ongoing work to modernize the effectiveness of New Brunswick's municipal and regional police forces resulted in legislative changes and a partnership with neighbouring Nova Scotia to investigate serious incidents involving police. The amendments to the *Police Act* in this fiscal year were the first since 2008.

Why is it important?

Policing agencies are vital partners in curbing the reduction of crime and increasing the safety of our communities. Public confidence in these agencies is essential and can only be earned by ensuring best practices are adopted and by addressing the need for increased transparency in police governance and service delivery.

What initiatives were undertaken to achieve the outcome?

- The *Police Act* was amended to modernize the effectiveness of municipal and regional police forces and to safeguard the professionalism of police officers. Among the provisions outlined in *An Act Respecting the Police Act*:
 - A model related to suspension with and without pay, and changes to the overall time limits for the processing and arbitration of a complaint under the Act. This includes a maximum 180-day time limit for paid suspension after which suspension without pay commences.
 - A civilian employee of a police force may be appointed as a court liaison officer and have the powers and immunities of a police officer only for the purpose of performing this role.
- The establishment of the long-standing Municipal Police Assistance Fund as a special purpose account. The fund provides for special policing needs such as training, equipment and special projects.
- New Brunswick and Nova Scotia reached an agreement in principle that would allow Nova Scotia's Serious Incident Response Team (SiRT) to act as the police oversight body for both provinces. SiRT is an independent agency with a mandate to investigate serious matters such as death, serious injury, sexual assault or other public-interest concerns involving the police. The *Police Act* was amended to allow for a formal agreement between the two provinces to take place.
- To provide the public and communities with information and transparency on crime, a Public Safety Crime Dashboard was launched online. It uses data from Statistics Canada and is presented in an interactive and user-friendly format.
- A social media campaign was launched to encourage members of the public to report crimes to police.
- A survey was conducted to assess the public's confidence in policing in New Brunswick.

Outcome #3

SUPPORT COVID-19 RESPONSE EFFORTS

Justice and Public Safety was at the forefront of the response to the COVID-19 pandemic, as the department responsible for enforcement of the mandatory order related to the provincial state of emergency.

Why is it important?

Restrictions on unnecessary travel and gatherings and the application of protective measures allowed public health officials to effectively control the spread of COVID-19 and limit the impact on hospital services as a comprehensive vaccination program was rolled out. Public health measures were supported by Justice and Public Safety through education and enforcement operations.

What initiatives were undertaken to achieve the outcome?

- Enforcement operations prioritized compliance with the provincial State of Emergency Order until mandatory COVID-19 measures were lifted on March 14, 2022.
- The Provincial Emergency Operations Centre (PEOC) coordinated COVID-19 and state of emergency response efforts, under the guidance of the New Brunswick Provincial Pandemic Coordination Plan.
- The New Brunswick Emergency Measures Organization's emergency supply warehouse continued to process orders to more than 30 government departments, partners and outside organizations across the province. This operation ensured government workers, long-term care and support workers, enforcement officers, fire services, First Nations and schools had access to personal protective equipment and could safely operate.
- Enforcement operations were established at several travel entry points throughout New Brunswick to screen travellers and ensure compliance with the provincial State of Emergency Order.
- The Travel Registration Program screened travellers and authorized entry into the province in accordance with the State of Emergency Order. To compliment this service, a call-back team was assigned to check in with registered clients by phone to ensure their mental and physical wellbeing during their period of mandated self-isolation due to travel.
- The Order Interpretation Team answered questions on the provincial State of Emergency Order received from members of the public and organizations and provided consistent, accurate direction.
- Community-led teams within the boundaries of each of New Brunswick's 12 regional service commissions were established to help communities recover from the pandemic and build resiliency against future disasters or crises. Their efforts are supported by the Community Capacity and Resiliency branch and funded by the provincial government, which committed up to \$50,000 per region in the 2021-2022 budget to help support Regional Resiliency Steering Committees with the implementation of recovery plans.

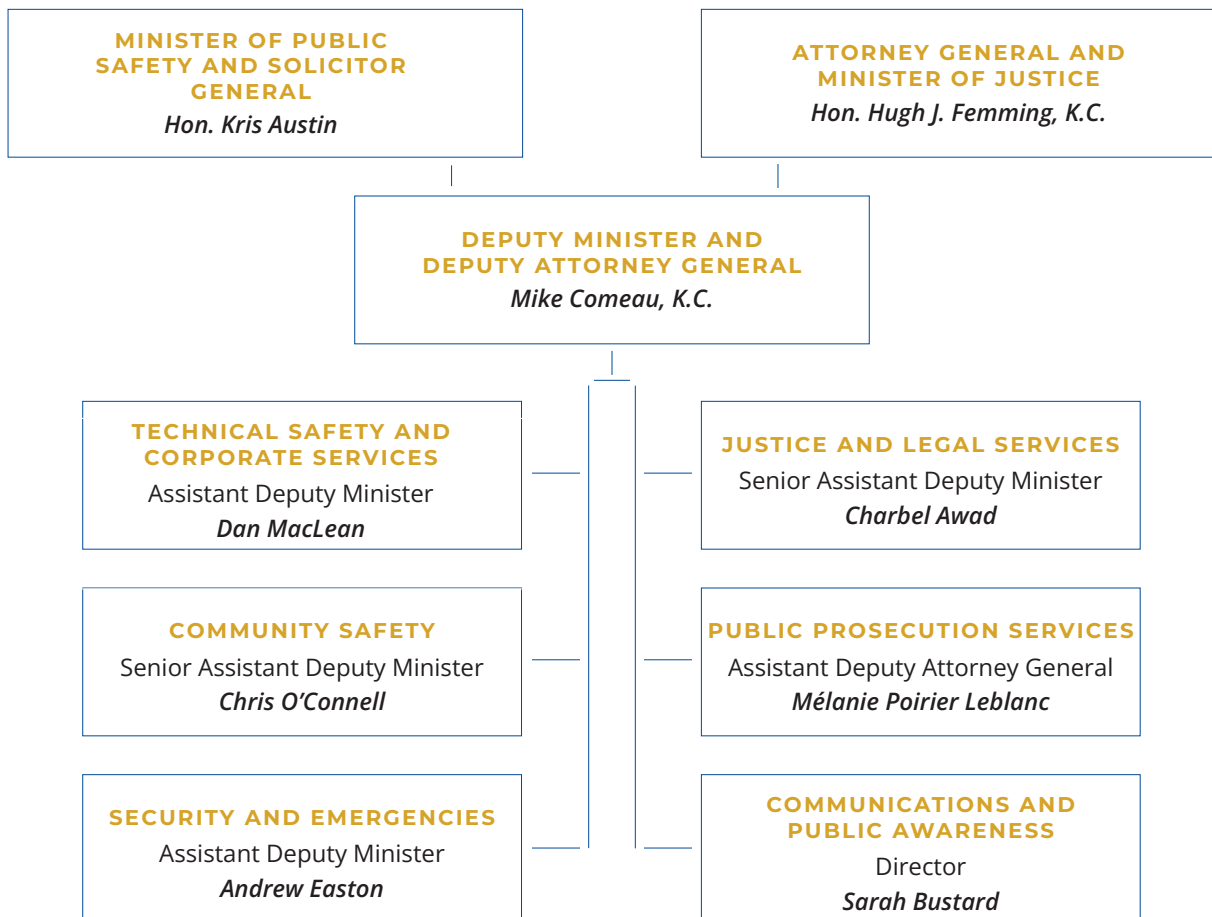
Overview of departmental operations

The Department of Justice and Public Safety was formed to provide a comprehensive and integrated approach to public safety. The department strives to provide quality programs and services that enhance the safety and security of New Brunswickers and their communities and a fair, accessible justice system.

The vision of the department is: *Working together for a safe, secure and just New Brunswick.*

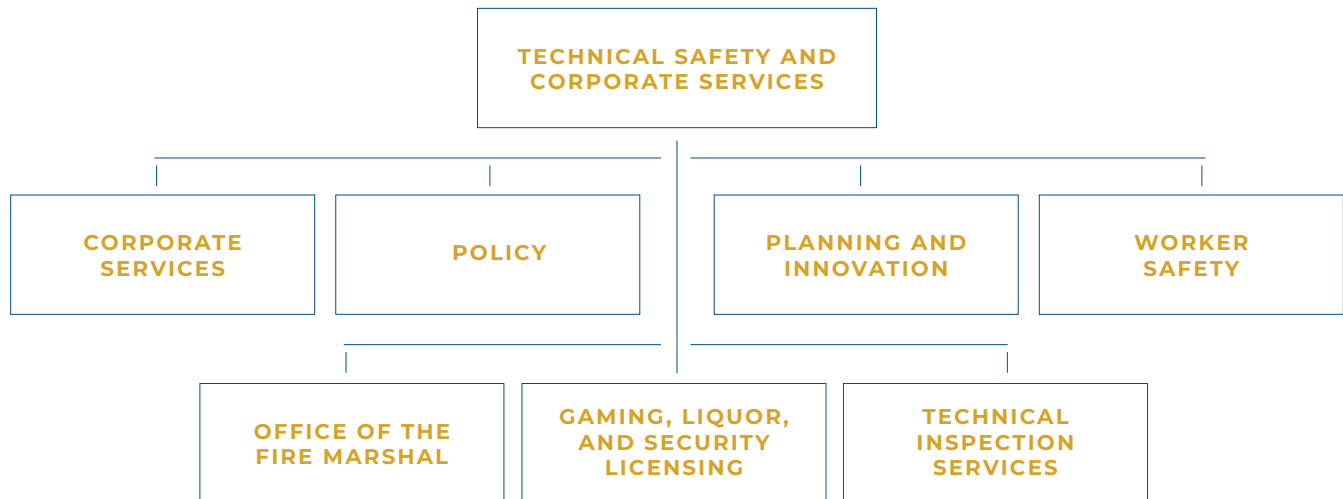
The department had 1,707 regular, part-time, term and temporary employees, up from 1,702 in the previous fiscal year.

HIGH-LEVEL ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



Division Overview and Highlights

TECHNICAL SAFETY AND CORPORATE SERVICES DIVISION



The **Technical Safety and Corporate Services Division** is responsible for providing quality support, advice, consultation, monitoring and coordinating services to all managers and employees in the areas of departmental services, financial services, legislative/regulatory and legal analysis, human resources, employee health and safety, information management, fleet and facilities management and accountability. The division is also responsible for ensuring a safe society by conducting fire plan reviews, fire inspections and investigations, provincial fire reporting and investigations and expertise in electrical, plumbing, elevator and boiler and pressure vessel, and licensing, registration and permitting of the province's liquor, gaming and security industry.

The **Finance and Administration Branch** is responsible to provide financial leadership and expert advice to senior management, departmental managers and staff. The branch maintains the operational accounting function by providing financial consulting, budgeting, monitoring, accounting services, and revenue and expenditure forecasting. Facilities management, fleet management, internal control, and enforcement of financial policies and procedures also fall under its umbrella. The branch is actively involved in continuous improvement projects aimed at helping to streamline information and process flows to support better decision making by departmental management.

The **Human Resources Branch** is responsible for providing leadership and support to the department in the areas of human resource planning, recruitment, classification, labour relations, employee relations, training, performance management, change management, organizational development, human resource policies and program implementation.

The **Information Management Services Branch** is responsible for providing departmental information management, information security and risk management and records management services. It supports business planning of information management solutions for the department. It ensures alignment of departmental business objectives and technology initiatives by providing strategic oversight, direction and advisory services.

The **Policy Branch** is responsible for providing ministerial, senior leadership, branches and program areas the leadership and support in the identification, analysis, and development of program, and policy initiatives. The branch also provides information and advice in support of legislation development, and federal / provincial / territorial relations. The branch administers the *Right to Information and Protection of Privacy Act* and the *Personal Health Information Privacy and Access Act* with respect to get access to information and privacy.

The **Planning and Innovation Branch** is responsible to support the department's strategic direction through business planning, internal communications, performance measurement, data analytics, continuous improvement, and accountability.

The **Worker Safety Branch** is responsible for reducing the number and severity of workplace physical and psychological injuries through safe work practices, safe job practices, codes of practice, education, and completion of effective incident investigations. The Branch also reduces the time lost from work through effective claim management and accommodation processes.

The **Office of the Fire Marshal** is responsible for administering the *Fire Prevention Act*; delivering fire prevention and protection programs; and working with fire departments, municipalities, and partner organizations to promote fire safety. The office monitors fire trends, changes to the National Building Code and National Fire Code, National Fire Protection Association codes, and rising fire safety concerns to develop and promote provincial policies, standards, procedures for the fire service as a whole. The office effectively uses multiple agencies to conduct fire safety inspections, perform fire cause and origin investigations, and implement fire prevention programs under the authority of the Fire Marshal. It is the lead agency for the response to all hazardous material emergencies for GNB.

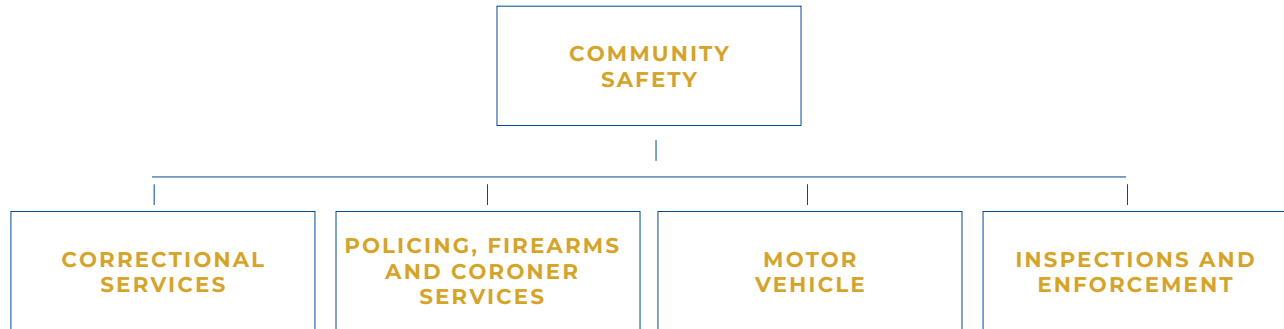
The **Gaming, Liquor and Security Licensing Branch** is the regulatory authority responsible for the licensing, registration and permitting of applicants under the *Liquor Control Act*, *Gaming Control Act*, *Private Investigators and Security Services Act*, *Film and Video Act* and the *Salvage Dealers Licensing Act*. This involves coordination with both internal and external inspectors, investigators, departments, corporate bodies, agencies, and systems. The branch is responsible to maintain and uphold the integrity of gaming in New Brunswick through the registration of suppliers and licensing of all employees of the casino gaming industry. Services include providing information and education to the public on the program areas, receiving complaints, gathering relevant facts and referral to an inspector or agency for further investigation when necessary.

The **Technical Inspection Services Branch** is responsible for regulating the safe design, fabrication, installation, and operation of electrical, plumbing, propane, natural and medical gas systems, boilers, pressure vessels, elevating devices, and amusement rides. Activities include developing safety legislation; setting standards; conducting design reviews, equipment registrations and quality system audits; issuing installation and operating permits; conducting inspections; ordering compliance; qualifying and licensing specific trades people and contractors; carrying out accident investigations; providing education; and accrediting private sector services. These services are provided to ensure that potentially hazardous electrical, mechanical, and pressurized systems do not pose an undue risk to the public; to ensure that these potentially hazardous systems are installed by qualified and licensed tradespeople.

Highlights

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COMMUNITY SAFETY DIVISION



The **Community Safety Division** is responsible for regulating and delivering programs and services that contribute to a safe society by leading crime prevention efforts in the province, providing institutional and community-based services to offenders, providing services to victims of crime, delivering inspection and enforcement services that make highways, communities and off-road trails safer, providing oversight of driver licensing, vehicle registration and motor vehicle inspections, delivering firearm licencing for individuals and businesses, inspection and authorization of shooting range operations, administering provincial policing standards and policing contracts and investigating all sudden and unexpected deaths in pursuit of preventing non-natural deaths. To support the safe and impartial administration of justice, the division provides court security, detainees security, jury management, document service and court orders execution.

Correctional Services New Brunswick is responsible for providing correctional institutions for adult offenders sentenced to incarceration of two years less a day and for holding accused persons deemed to be dangerous and/or a security risk while awaiting trial or awaiting immigration hearings.

The **Community and Youth Justice Services Branch** is responsible for providing effective programs for justice-involved youth and adults and victims of crime. The branch develops and promotes provincial policies, standards, agreements and partnerships that foster evidence-based prevention approaches. The branch is responsible for delivering, through regional offices, provincial adult and youth diversion programs, coordinating restorative justice approaches, and using rehabilitative case management for adults and youth sentenced to some form of community correctional supervision. It provides custody placements for youth

aligned with a continuum of care model of intervention that addresses the young person's risks and needs. The branch also administers programs to help victims of crime, including court preparation and support services and victim impact statements. The branch employs Peace Officers that, in addition to their primary areas of responsibility, may be called on to complete other duties during large-scale civic emergencies.

The **Crime Prevention and Program Development Branch** is responsible for fostering collaborative partnerships with justice, health, social service, and community stakeholders, and developing and promoting evidence-based and cost-effective crime prevention approaches throughout New Brunswick. The branch coordinates the research, planning, implementation, evaluation, and sustainability of improvements to New Brunswick crime prevention policy and practice through the New Brunswick Crime Prevention and Reduction Strategy. The branch performs the research, design, and evaluation of strategies and programs that are implemented within Correctional Services NB and Inspections and Enforcement NB to support operational branches in delivering a best-practice continuum of care model to clients. It supports all other branches within the Community Safety Division in establishing relevant program measures, designing evaluation plans and conducting systematic reviews of their programs and services to ensure that they are achieving their intended objectives and providing value-for-money for New Brunswickers. The branch ensures that the Client Information System meets the needs of Correctional Services NB, its program areas, and users.

The **Sheriff Services Branch** is responsible for providing court security for all Courthouse locations (in accordance with the *Court Security Act*), detainees' security (transportation, escort and detention supervision), jury management, document service and

court orders execution (seizure and sale, evictions and warrants of arrest). Sheriffs also perform peace officer duties as prescribed by over 80 federal and provincial statutes.

The **Motor Vehicle Branch** is responsible for providing oversight of required safety standards for vehicle registration; providing policy and legislative clarification as it relates to the registration of vehicles; providing for the issuance of motor vehicle dealer licences; administering the compulsory motor vehicle inspection program through inspection stations; and administering the International Registration Plan program involving the inter-jurisdictional registration of commercial vehicles. This program promotes highway safety through testing aspiring drivers, issuing driver licences and ID cards and monitoring driver behaviour, and sanctioning unsafe drivers and carriers. The branch also administers educational and ignition interlock programs for individuals convicted of impaired driving, funded by those drivers.

Inspections and Enforcement New Brunswick is a non-direct policing, law enforcement unit responsible for providing education, inspection, and enforcement functions under provincial and federal acts. Peace Officers with special constable appointment within the branch provide services to the trucking industry, forestry sector, hunters, fishermen, off-road enthusiasts, the motoring public, various licensees and New Brunswickers. Services intended to enhance public safety and protect government revenues are offered in the areas of environment and natural resources, liquor control, commercial vehicle enforcement; National Safety Code audits; off-road vehicle enforcement; motor vehicle inspections; gaming control; tobacco sales to minors; smoke-free places investigations; Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods (SCAN); as well as inspections, enforcement and licensing matters relevant to film, video and video game, restricted beverages, artificial tanning, agriculture, aquaculture, fisheries, salvage dealers and the security services industry. Through inspection, enforcement, licensing and monitoring, agri-food and public health inspectors protect the public from health hazards, reduce risk, maintain healthy environments and reduce the incidence of disease in New Brunswick in the following areas: food safety, environmental health, recreational and institutional sanitation, water quality, abattoirs and dairy-related operations, emergency preparedness and, communicable disease control.

Coroner Services is an independent and publicly accountable investigation of death agency. The service is responsible for reviewing all suspicious or questionable deaths in New Brunswick; and for conducting inquests as may be required by statute and/or in the public interest and does not have a vested interest of any kind in the outcome of death investigations. The service also administers the Child Death Review Committee and Domestic Violence Death Review Committee.

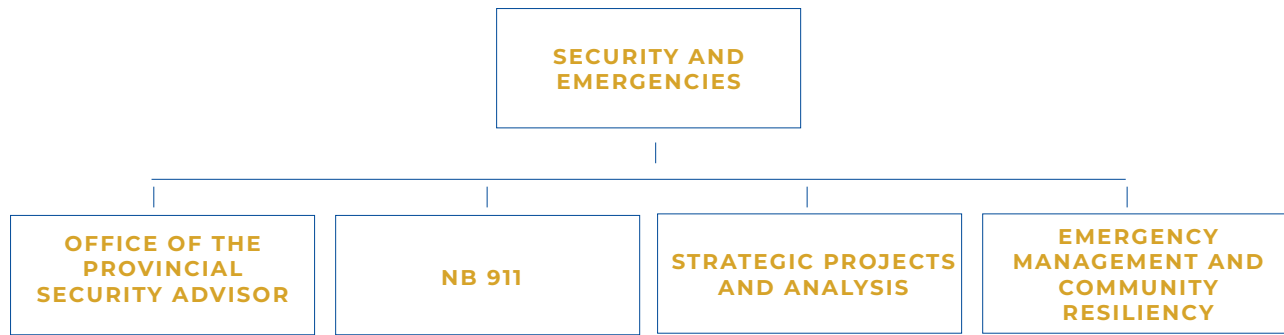
The **Policing Standards and Contract Management Branch** contributes to making New Brunswick the best place in which to raise a family by preventing and reducing crime and victimization through the coordination of effective and efficient policing services and evidence-based programs. The branch is responsible for the following key areas: developing and promoting provincial policies, standards, agreements and collaborative partnerships that ensure the delivery of consistent and standardized police services throughout New Brunswick; and overseeing contract management services and supporting the provision of RCMP services under the Provincial Police Service Agreement as well as managing agreements with municipalities and local service districts for the provision of RCMP services.

The **Provincial Firearms Office** is responsible for supporting safe communities by managing the ownership, purchase, movement and use of firearms within the province through the administration of federal firearms legislation.

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SECURITY AND EMERGENCIES DIVISION



The **Security and Emergencies Division** is responsible for coordination amongst different levels of government and the private sector to improve prevention, preparedness and response capabilities in New Brunswick for deliberate, accidental or natural events, including 911 services, emergency management and recovery programs, security, and critical infrastructure.

The **Office of the Provincial Security Advisor** is responsible for providing security advice and services regarding high-value and high-risk services, networks, facilities, assets, and persons critical to New Brunswick's safety, security, and economy, in both the public and private sectors. The focus is to align efforts among different levels of government and the private sector to improve prevention, preparedness, and response capabilities in New Brunswick for natural, accidental, and deliberate events.

The **NB 911 Branch** is responsible for ensuring an effective province-wide system for the coordination of emergency services and for the reporting of emergencies to emergency service providers through a public safety answering point, by working with telecommunications partners and emergency response stakeholders. The branch develops, implements and ensures compliance with standards, policies and operating procedures that ensure response to all emergencies reported via 911.

The **New Brunswick Emergency Measures Organization** (NB EMO) promotes the development of emergency programs at all levels of government encompassing prevention, preparedness, response and recovery. It coordinates provincial emergency operations and supports communities, municipalities and regional service commissions with resources and information to ensure effective local response to major emergencies.

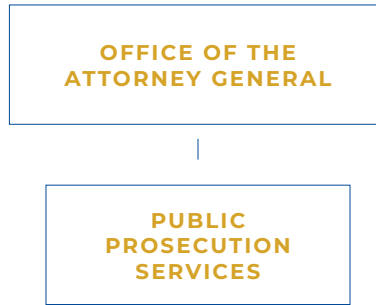
The **Community Capacity and Resiliency Branch** is responsible for aligning government and community efforts to recover from the extensive impacts of COVID-19 and build resiliency to future disasters and crises.

The **Strategic Projects and Analysis Branch** provides analysis and leadership on priority projects and programs within the Security and Emergencies Division. The team delivers business intelligence/data analytics support, collaborates with the Divisional Leadership Team on corporate strategy, and supports the development and implementation of outcome focused operational policies.

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OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL



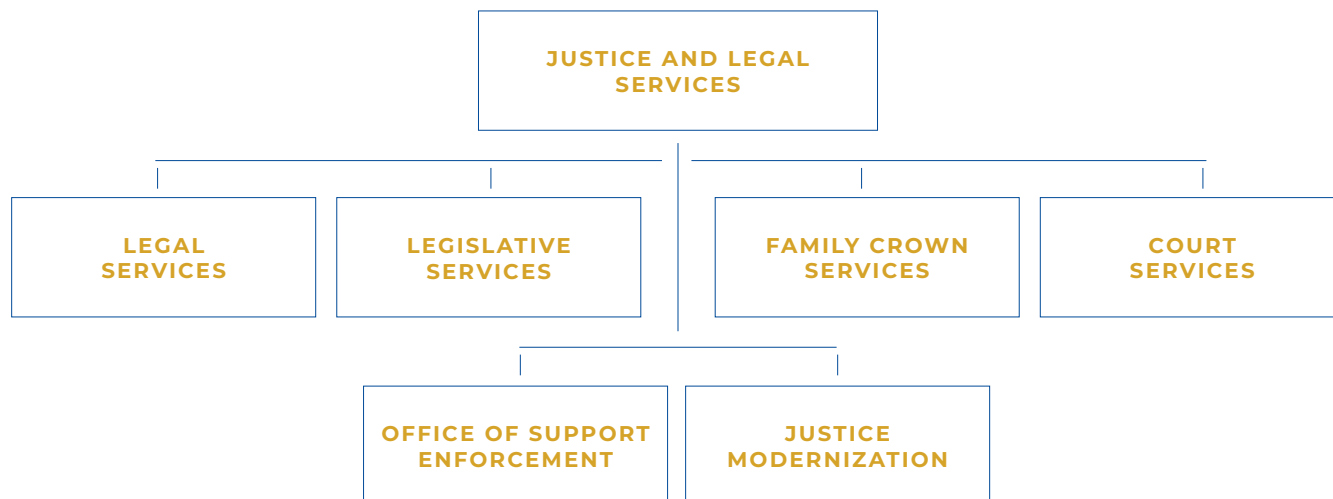
The **Office of the Attorney General** promotes the impartial administration of justice to enable the Attorney General to discharge their constitutional responsibilities regarding the enforcement of the criminal law, the provision of legal advice and the representation of the Crown in all civil and constitutional matters, as well as the drafting of legislation and regulations.

The **Public Prosecution Services Branch** ensures that laws enacted for the protection of all citizens are respected and enforced by providing independent, effective, and impartial prosecution services. With the decision to continue or terminate a prosecution, the crown prosecutors exercise broad discretion in the public interest.

Highlights

- Public Prosecution Services maintained a high level of service throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Electronic disclosure is being used by almost all municipal police forces. A comprehensive e-disclosure protocol has been accepted by these agencies, replacing the 2007 protocol.
- On March 8, 2022, International Women’s Day, the Office of the Attorney General made history in having its first woman accept the position of Assistant Deputy Attorney General of Public Prosecutions.

JUSTICE AND LEGAL SERVICES



The **Justice and Legal Services Division** administers a transparent and impartial justice system to the public, while also providing a range of legal advisory, litigation and legislative services to government departments and agencies.

The **Family Crown Services Branch** provides professional legal services, including litigation and legal opinions to the Department of Social Development and to the Director of Support Enforcement in the area of family law and acts as designate and agent of the Attorney General under specific federal and provincial legislation and international treaties in the areas of family law and the civil aspects of international child abduction.

The **Legal Services Branch** provides professional legal services to government departments and some agencies in the areas of employment and administrative law, constitutional law, corporate, commercial and property law, litigation and provides legal opinions on issues and matters related to the ongoing operations of government.

The **Legislative Services Branch** provides a central legislative drafting service in both official languages, for all public acts and regulations, to all government departments and agencies; provides advice to the Executive Council on legislative matters; discharges the responsibilities conferred upon the Registrar of Regulations under the *Regulations Act*; provides legal advice on Cabinet Agenda; and discharges the responsibilities conferred upon the King's Printer under the *King's Printer Act*.

The **Court Services Branch** Supports the New Brunswick court system across 11 geographical locations (Court of King's Bench, Small Claims Court, Probate Court, Bankruptcy and Insolvency Division, Criminal Court and Youth Justice Court) by providing court attendance, order production, case file management, registry services and other administrative services in support of the Judiciary and the public. In addition, the branch is responsible for the delivery of specialized initiatives, including the Healing to Wellness Court, Domestic Violence Court, Family Case Management, Family Law Information Center, Mental Health Docket, Intimate Partner Violence Intervention, and the Case Management Triage Officer.

The **Office of the Registrar** supports the Court of Appeal and its judiciary by providing guidance to the public and lawyers regarding the Rules of Court, order/judgment production, case file management and other administrative services including conducting hearings as authorized by legislation and the Rules of Court. This branch serves as the registry for New Brunswick for all bankruptcies and divorces, processes inter-jurisdictional applications for the establishment of variation of family support orders and processes all New Brunswick adoptions.

The **Justice Modernization Branch** provides strategic and operational frameworks and services in support of the technological and functional processes underlying the delivery of both existing and emerging programs and services administered by this branch, including the business ownership of Information Technology systems

utilized by the branch both within the courtroom and back-end functions; the evaluation of legislative/policy changes for impact assessment and integration planning; the establishment and oversight of service level standards, including the development of process manuals and training protocols; the delivery of analytical and business intelligence services; the oversight of specialty programs and services; and administrative support services for the branch.

The **Office of Support Enforcement** enforces family support provisions (Child and Spousal Support Payments) in court orders and agreements in accordance with the *Support Enforcement Act* and the *Divorce Act* by using progressive enforcement actions to ensure compliance. Enforcement may include garnishing wages, reporting the defaulting payer to credit reporting agencies, passport revocation or denial, and in some cases, suspension of the payer's driver's licence.

Highlights

- Legislative Services produced 37 government bills and 72 regulations in fiscal 2021-22, including 11 bills and 10 regulations for Justice and Public Safety.
- Legal Services provided timely legal advice and representation on a large volume of urgent and sensitive matters.
- Family Crown Services introduced electronic disclosure for all child and adult protection files. It also dealt with another increase in child protection matters in the past year.

Financial information

TABLE 1: ORDINARY EXPENDITURE STATUS REPORT BY PRIMARY

Fiscal year ending March 31, 2022 (\$000)

	MAIN ESTIMATES	APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS	FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE (UNDER) OVER
Personal services	135,076.2	20,037.2	155,113.4	151,661.3	(3,452.1)
Other services	122,580.7	197.4	122,778.1	140,864.8	18,086.7
Materials and supplies	8,927.4	0	8,927.4	13,113.3	4,185.9
Property and equipment	323.8	0	323.8	1,447.0	1,123.2
Contributions, grants and subsidies	12,034.4	0	12,034.4	12,355.7	321.3
Debt and other charges	37,626.5	0	37,626.5	20,076.2	(17,550.3)
Chargeback recoveries	(6,475)	0	(6,475.0)	(10,115.2)	(3,640.2)
Total	310,094.0	20,234.6	330,328.6	329,403.1	(925.5)

Actual expenditures were under budget by \$0.9M; this was primarily the result of deferred disaster recovery costs; the majority of these expenditures relate to capital projects that were delayed into the next fiscal year(s).

TABLE 2: ORDINARY EXPENDITURE STATUS REPORT BY PROGRAM

Fiscal year ending March 31, 2022 (\$000)

	MAIN ESTIMATES	APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS	FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE (UNDER) OVER
Technical Safety and Corporate Services	15,274.0	977.0	16,251.0	16,070.5	(180.5)
Community Safety	173,868.0	13,378.0	187,246.0	193,256.5	6,010.5
Office of the Attorney General	21,154.0	1,813.0	22,967.0	21,864.6	(1,102.4)
Justice Services	25,754.0	3,016.0	28,770.0	27,610.8	(1,159.2)
Legal Aid	10,354.0	579.3	10,933.3	11,096.4	163.1
Security and Emergencies	41,799.0	271.3	42,070.3	25,450.5	(16,619.8)
COVID-19 Pandemic	22,091.0	-	22,091.0	34,053.8	11,962.8
Total	310,094.0	20,234.6	330,328.6	329,403.1	(925.5)

Actual expenditures were under budget by \$0.9M; this was the result of savings within the Security and Emergency Division; specifically Disaster Financial Assistance which was underspent as a number of projects were delayed.

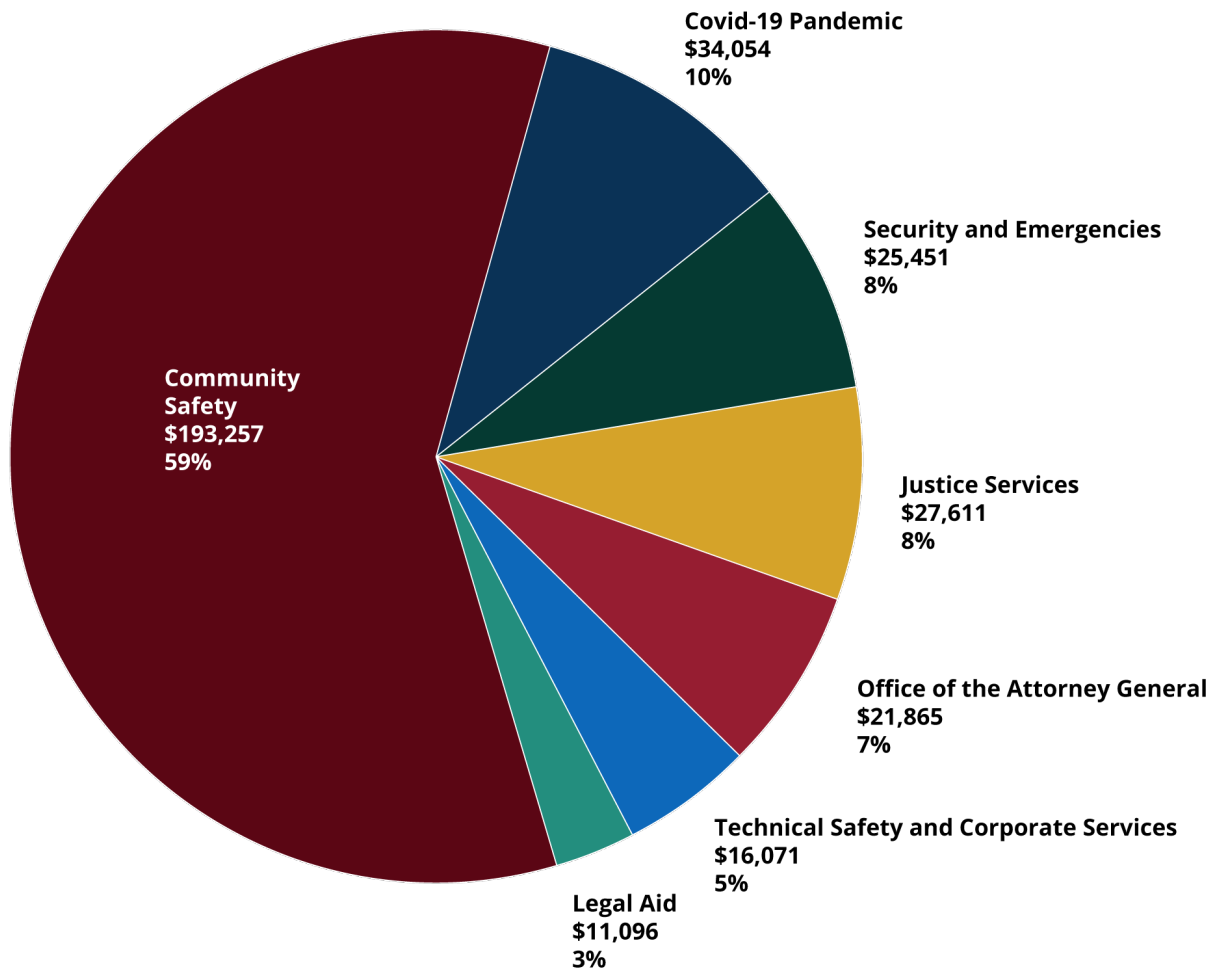


TABLE 3: ORDINARY REVENUE STATUS REPORT BY SOURCE

Fiscal year ending March 31, 2022 (\$000)

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE (UNDER) OVER
Other taxes	3,600.0	5,430.7	1,830.7
Return on investment	59.0	52.9	(6.1)
Licences and permits	148,608.0	147,820.7	(787.3)
Sale of goods and services	28,722.0	29,979.0	1,257.0
Fines and penalties	6,576.0	7,097.3	521.3
Miscellaneous	340.0	280.0	(60)
Conditional Grants – Canada	35,937.0	22,943.4	(12,993.6)
Total	223,842.0	213,604.0	(10,238.0)

Actual revenues were less than budgeted amounts by \$10.2M. This was due primarily to revenues recognized on eligible DFA events. As costs for events are incurred, revenue is recognized in accordance with the federal cost sharing agreement. Budgeted expenditures for DFA were significantly lower than anticipated, resulting in lower revenues being recognized.

Summary of staffing activity

Pursuant to section 4 of the *Civil Service Act*, the Secretary to Treasury Board delegates staffing to each Deputy Head for their respective department(s). Please find below a summary of the staffing activity for 2021-2022 for Justice and Public Safety.

The department advertised 117 competitions, including 74 open (public) competitions and 43 closed (internal) competitions.

Pursuant to sections 15 and 16 of the *Civil Service Act*, the department made the following appointments using processes to establish merit other than the competitive process:

APPOINTMENT TYPE	APPOINTMENT DESCRIPTION	SECTION OF THE CIVIL SERVICE ACT	NUMBER
Specialized Professional, Scientific or Technical	An appointment may be made without competition when a position requires: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a high degree of expertise and training • a high degree of technical skill • recognized experts in their field 	15(1)	0
Equal Employment Opportunity Program	Provides Aboriginals, persons with disabilities and members of a visible minority group with equal access to employment, training and advancement opportunities.	16(1)(a)	2
Department Talent Management Program	Permanent employees identified in corporate and departmental talent pools, who meet the four-point criteria for assessing talent, namely performance, readiness, willingness and criticalness.	16(1)(b)	0
Lateral transfer	The GNB transfer process facilitates the transfer of employees from within Part 1, 2 (school districts) and 3 (hospital authorities) of the Public Service.	16(1) or 16(1)(c)	13
Regular appointment of casual/temporary	An individual hired on a casual or temporary basis under section 17 may be appointed without competition to a regular properly classified position within the Civil Service.	16(1)(d)(i)	0
Regular appointment of students/ apprentices	Summer students, university or community college co-op students or apprentices may be appointed without competition to an entry level position within the Civil Service.	16(1)(d)(ii)	0

Pursuant to section 33 of the *Civil Service Act*, no complaints alleging favouritism were made to the Deputy Head of Justice and Public Safety and no complaints were submitted to the Ombud.

Summary of legislation and legislative activity

BILL #	NAME OF LEGISLATION	DATE OF ROYAL ASSENT	SUMMARY OF CHANGES
44	An Act to Amend the Public Trustee Act - Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick (legnb.ca)	June 11, 2021	<p>Amendments provide the Public Trustee residual authority to continue to act after the death of an existing client for whom it has authority under the <i>Infirm Persons Act</i>.</p> <p>The authority continues until such time as an executor assumes authority to administer the estate or someone is granted letters of administration to administer the estate of the deceased.</p> <p>The amendments prevent delay in dealing with critical issues at time of death.</p>
49	An Act to Amend the Limitation of Actions Act - Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick (legnb.ca)	June 11, 2021	<p>Amendments established a special limitation period of six years for the Crown to commence proceedings for money owing to it.</p> <p>The limitation period gives the Crown time to collect money owing to it and, if necessary, to commence proceedings while also providing individuals and businesses time to plan and start making payments on their debts.</p>
50	An Act to Amend the Gaming Control Act - Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick (legnb.ca)	June 11, 2021	<p>Amendments granted the Registrar of Gaming the authority needed to provide oversight of charitable gaming to reflect current practices and trends, address online charitable gaming, and achieve regulatory harmonization with other Canadian jurisdictions.</p>
51	An Act Respecting Image-capturing Enforcement Systems - Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick (legnb.ca)	June 11, 2021	<p>The Act enables the use of image capturing enforcement systems like school bus cameras, photo radar, red light cameras and automated licence plate readers to gather evidence of potential violations of specified offences under the <i>Motor Vehicle Act</i>.</p>
52	An Act to Amend the Provincial Offences Procedure Act - Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick (legnb.ca)	June 11, 2021	<p>Amendments give judges more flexibility to make orders regarding the payment of a fine so that they have options to address concerns about financial hardship.</p>
53	An Act Respecting the Police Act - Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick (legnb.ca)	June 11, 2021	<p>Amendments modernized, updated and improved the <i>Police Act</i> to reflect best practices and to meet the needs of everyone involved.</p>

BILL #	NAME OF LEGISLATION	DATE OF ROYAL ASSENT	SUMMARY OF CHANGES
54	An Act Respecting the Operation of the Order Relating to COVID-19 under the Emergency Measures Act - Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick (legnb.ca)	June 11, 2021	The Act reflects that the revocation of the order is not intended to affect the previous operation of the order. It also preserves specific measures in the order pertaining to immunity acquired under the order, investigations, offences and penalties in respect of violations of the order, and the suspension of time in calculating limitation periods.
68	An Act to Amend the Construction Remedies Act - Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick (legnb.ca)	December 17, 2021	Amendments modernized the <i>Construction Remedies Act</i> in relation to security of payment in the construction industry in New Brunswick. As a result, stakeholders can meet their obligations more efficiently by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • establishing a single holdback trust account where there are multiple improvements to an industrial facility or when ordered by the court; and • electronic posting of certificates and declarations of substantial performance of contracts and completion of subcontracts in certain circumstances.
83	An Act to Amend the Building Code Administration Act - Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick (legnb.ca)	December 17, 2021	Amendments allowed local governments to remain under their current building by-laws for an additional 11 month period ending on January 1st, 2023 and removed a reference to the Court of Queen's Bench and replacing it with the Provincial Court of New Brunswick.
84	An Act to Amend the Police Act - Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick (legnb.ca)	December 17, 2021	Amendments updated and improved the <i>Police Act</i> . authorizes the Minister to enter into an Agreement to allow for the provision of serious incident response services in New Brunswick.

NAME OF REGULATION	EFFECTIVE DATE	SUMMARY OF CHANGES
New Brunswick Regulation 91-50 – <i>Provincial Offences Procedure Act</i>	April 12, 2021	Amendments to the Hunting Regulation and the General Angling Regulation under the <i>Fish and Wildlife Act</i> required amendments to the General Regulation under the <i>Provincial Offences Procedure Act</i> to re-establish a ticketable offence.
New Brunswick Regulation 2021-123 – <i>Liquor Control Act</i>	May 1, 2021	Regulations were made to allow for the sale of liquor with food for delivery or take-out; to set requirements for mandatory training; and to reduce red tape for industry.
New Brunswick Regulation 2021-41 – <i>Building Code Administration Act</i>	May 6, 2021	Amendments were made to Regulation 2021-2 to define accessory structures and to adopt the 2010 National Building Code.
New Brunswick Regulation 2021-56 – <i>Provincial Offences Procedure Act</i>	August 24, 2021	Amendments to the <i>General Angling Regulation</i> (82-103) under the <i>Fish and Wildlife Act</i> required that the offence of killing a fish under a live release licence be removed from the Regulation 91-50.
New Brunswick Regulation 2021-58 – <i>Provincial Offences Procedure Act</i>	August 24, 2021	Amendments to Regulation 81-58 under the <i>Fish and Wildlife Act</i> required amendments to the prescribed wording under Regulation 91-50.
New Brunswick Regulation 84-265 – <i>Liquor Control Act</i>	September 1, 2021	Regulations were amended to allow for the sale of liquor with food for delivery or take-out; to set requirements for mandatory training; and to reduce red tape for industry.
New Brunswick Regulation 2021-68 – <i>Provincial Offences Procedure Act</i>	September 17, 2021	Amendments were made to ensure offences listed in the new COVID-19 Preventative Measures Regulation - <i>Public Health Act</i> were listed as ticketable offences.
New Brunswick Regulation 2021-70 – <i>Provincial Offences Procedure Act</i>	September 21, 2021	Amendments were made to ensure offences listed in the new COVID-19 – Preventive Measures Regulation – <i>Public Health Act</i> were listed as ticketable offences.
New Brunswick Regulation 2021-71 – <i>Motor Vehicle Act</i>	September 22, 2021	Amendments were made to the <i>Vehicle Dimension and Mass Regulation</i> to include wide base single tires.
New Brunswick Regulation 2021-77 – <i>Gaming Control Act</i>	October 15, 2021	Changes regarding eligibility for registration.
New Brunswick Regulation 2021-78 – <i>Gaming Control Act</i>	October 15, 2021	Changes to definitions regarding bingo equipment requirements.
New Brunswick Regulation 2021-79 – <i>Gaming Control Act</i>	October 15, 2021	Changes related to charitable gaming licences.
New Brunswick Regulation 2021-80 – <i>Jury Act</i>	October 18, 2021	Amendments were made to eliminate the division of the Judicial District of Saint John.

NAME OF REGULATION	EFFECTIVE DATE	SUMMARY OF CHANGES
New Brunswick Regulation 2021-75 – <i>Provincial Offences Procedure Act</i>	November 19, 2021	Amendments were made to ensure offences listed in the new COVID-19 Preventative Measures Regulation – <i>Public Health Act</i> were listed as ticketable offences.
New Brunswick Regulation 2021-81 – <i>Construction Remedies Act</i>	November 21, 2021	The General Regulation established threshold amounts; criteria; and prescribed forms.
New Brunswick Regulation 2022-02 – <i>Provincial Offences Procedure Act</i>	January 14, 2022	Amendments were made to ensure offences listed in the new COVID-19 – Preventive Measures Regulation – <i>Public Health Act</i> were listed as ticketable offences.
New Brunswick Regulation 2022-8 – <i>Provincial Offences Procedure Act</i>	February 28, 2022	Amendments were made to ensure offences listed in the new COVID-19 – Preventive Measures Regulation – <i>Public Health Act</i> were listed as ticketable offences.
New Brunswick Regulation 2022-7 – <i>Provincial Offences Procedure Act</i>	March 14, 2022	Amendments were made to ensure offences listed in the new COVID-19 – Preventive Measures Regulation – <i>Public Health Act</i> were listed as ticketable offences.

The acts for which the department was responsible in 2021-2022 may be found at laws.gnb.ca/en/deplinks?subjectnumber=22

Summary of Official Languages activities

INTRODUCTION

The Department of Justice and Public Safety continued to ensure its obligation under the Official Languages Act were met throughout the organization. Below are associated activities that were carried out throughout the year to support the four sectors of activity (focus) in GNB's [Plan on Official Languages Official Bilingualism: A Fundamental Value](#).

FOCUS 1

Ensure access to service of equal quality in English and French throughout the province:

- The language of service policy was reviewed with employees in the context of their annual task planning meeting.
- Correspondence related to the different services rendered to the public is in the language chosen by the client.
- To improve the quality of services provided by all employees of the Inspection and Enforcement Branch in New Brunswick, we continue to apply the following quality assurance measures:
 - Circulation of communication explaining New Brunswick government policies on Official Languages.
 - Reference documents and language tools in the form of policies and cards are available.

FOCUS 2

An environment and climate that encourages, for all employees, the use of the Official Language of their choice in their workplace:

- All offers of employment, appointment, and hiring letters contain a response section where candidates and employees must indicate their preferred language for written and oral communication.
- Managers are encouraged to hold gatherings and meetings in both Official Languages with all their staff.
- All official memos and news releases issued by senior management to all employees are sent out in both Official Languages.
- Managers conduct performance reviews in the employee's language of choice. This ensures sound personnel management and guarantees that all employees clearly understand what is expected of them in their work.
- As of their hiring, employees must choose the language in which they want their computer and computer hardware (keyboard, etc.) to be installed.
- Task specific training is offered in both Official Languages.
- All employees who so wish are supported by their respective management teams and are encouraged to express themselves in their second language if they want to practise. Ensure performance reviews are conducted in the employee's Official Language of choice.

FOCUS 3

What strategic means did your department implement to ensure that new and revised government programs and policies took into account the realities of the province's Official Language communities (promotion of Official Languages)? For example, did you hold public consultations?

- Emergency alerts communicated by the department to the citizens of New Brunswick continue to be shared in both Official Languages through various social media platforms, as well as radio, television and wireless devices compatible with the National Public Alerting System.

FOCUS 4

Ensure Public Service employees have a thorough knowledge and understanding of the *Official Languages Act*, relevant policies, regulations, and the province's obligations with respect to Official Languages:

- Raise new employees' awareness of the Language of Work and Language of Service policies and remind current employees of their obligations.
- The department required all new employees to complete the GNB I-Learn modules on Language of Work and Language of Service.
- Current employees who had not yet completed the GNB I-Learn modules on Language of Service and Language of Work were asked to do so.
- All employees are informed of their obligations as part of their orientation program and/or through their work planning meetings.

CONCLUSION

The department strives to provide quality service to all its clients in both Official Languages and supports the use of both Official Languages in the workplace. Ongoing efforts continue to raise individual and departmental awareness about our obligations under the *Official Languages Act* and related policies. As well, the department supported the development of 15 employees in second language training.

Summary of recommendations from the Office of the Auditor General

SECTION 2

NAME AND YEAR OF AUDIT AREA WITH LINK TO ONLINE DOCUMENT	RECOMMENDATIONS	
	TOTAL	IMPLEMENTED
<p>Addiction and Mental Health Services in Provincial Adult Correctional Institutions, 2018 Volume 1 Chapter 3 agnb-vgnb.ca/content/dam/agnb-vgnb/pdf/ReportsRappports/2018V1/Chap3e.pdf</p> <p>Recommend the Department of Justice and Public Safety in consultation with the Department of Health, develop comprehensive solutions to the recommendations in the report. This includes responsibility for health services including addiction and mental health services in provincial correctional institutions. This would also include the collaboration, sharing of data between departments to identify needs in institutions, the development of service delivery and treatment plans, screening tools, staff training and the incorporation of best practices in the care of inmates.</p>	14	14

Report on the Public Interest Disclosure Act

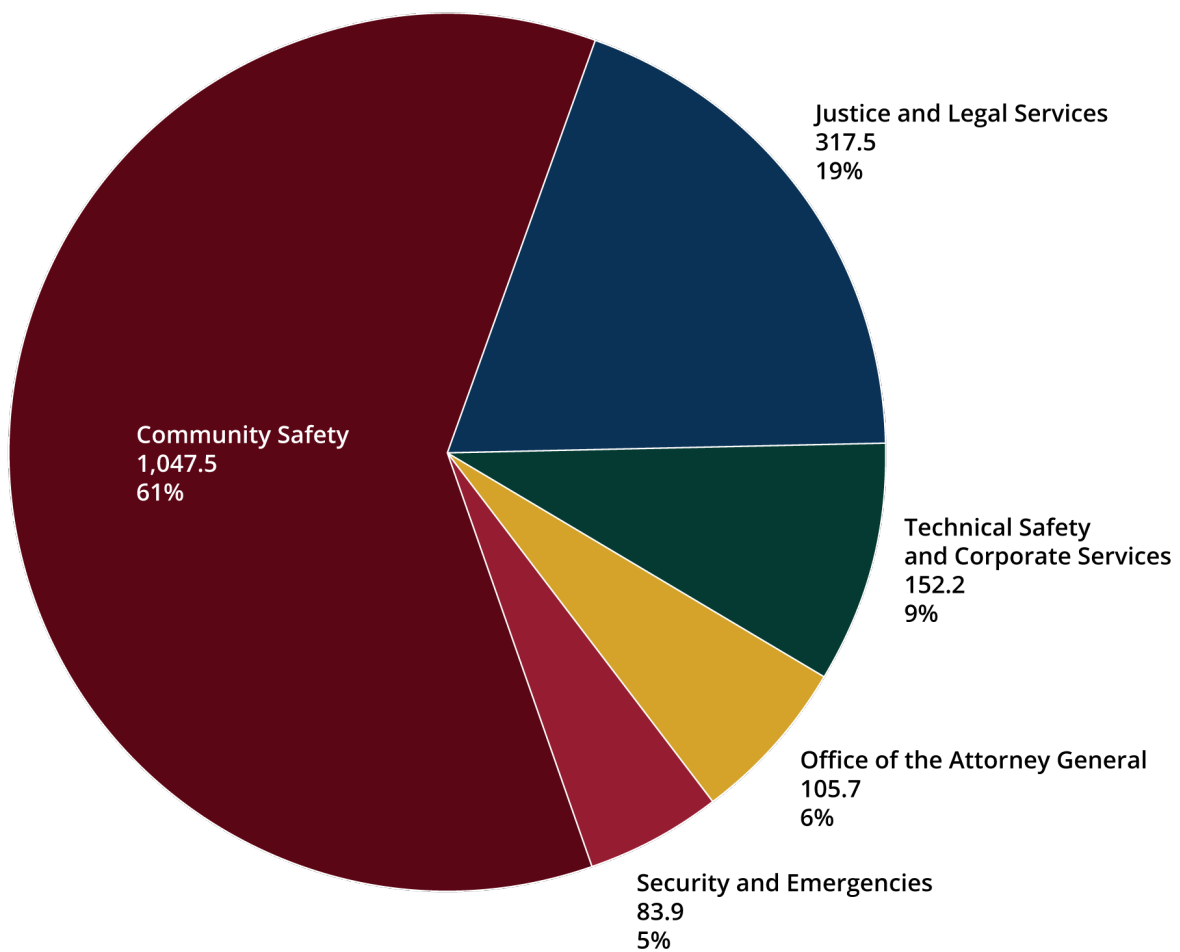
As provided under section 18(1) of the *Public Interest Disclosure Act*, the chief executive shall prepare a report of any disclosures of wrongdoing that have been made to a supervisor or designated officer of the portion of the public service for which the chief executive officer is responsible. The Department of Justice and Public Safety did not receive any disclosure(s) of wrongdoing in the 2021-2022 fiscal year.

Appendix A

HUMAN RESOURCES DATA

NUMBER OF PERMANENT AND TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES ¹		
EMPLOYEE TYPE	2021-2022	2020-2021
Permanent	1,568.6	1,531.3
Temporary	138.2	170.8
Total	1,706.8	1,702.2

¹Does not include casuals



Appendix B

STATISTICAL INFORMATION

TECHNICAL SAFETY AND CORPORATE SERVICES	2020-2021	2021-2022
GAMING, LIQUOR AND SECURITY LICENSING		
Liquor licences	2,115	2,172
Liquor permits	60	312
Charitable gaming licences	622	666
Charitable gaming permits	312	249
Film and video licences	311	302
Private investigator and security guard licences	1,959	2,109
Salvage dealer licences	95	95
Manufacturer licences	113	125
Registration of employees and suppliers in the gaming industry	525	462
Registration of video lottery site holders	197	186
OFFICE OF THE FIRE MARSHAL		
Fires reported	3,831	3,122
Non-fire related responses	17,677	22,894
Fires investigated by regional fire marshals	148	155
Buildings inspected:		
By regional fire inspectors	2,373	2,865
By local assistants	2,951	3,470
Total of inspections	5,324	6,335
Building plans reviewed	507	395
Sprinkler system installations reviewed	62	72
Participants in provincially funded firefighter training courses	412	415
Provincial firefighter examinations	642	1,572
Volunteer firefighters	5,000	5,000
Emergency inspections during spring flood by regional fire inspectors	207	0
Incident reports recorded for analysis	21,508	26,016
TECHNICAL INSPECTION SERVICES		
Inspections completed	23,615	24,938
Plans reviewed and/or registered	1,395	1,434
Installation permits issued	20,461	22,489
Licences issued or renewed	12,163	13,607
Operating permits	18,873	19,681
Exams administered	2,066	2,024

COMMUNITY SAFETY	2020-2021	2021-2022
COMMUNITY SERVICES		
Adult Community Services		
Pre-sentence reports requested	1,914	1,191
Number of admissions:		
Alternative Measures	558	387
Fine Option Program	27	17
Community Service Work Program	60	21
Number of admissions:		
Placed on probation	1,185	1,072
Conditional sentence	368	309
Adult program interventions	271	203
Average monthly caseload count:	2,014	2,349
Youth Community Services		
Pre-sentence reports requested	157	74
Number of admissions:		
Extrajudicial Sanctions Program	253	220
Community Service Work Program	18	9
Placed on probation	88	40
Intensive Support program	7	1
Deferred custody and supervision order	15	4
Portage Substance Abuse Treatment Program	15	10
Open custody	3	6
Youth program interventions	28	17
Average monthly count:		
Average monthly caseload count	189.1	153
Average monthly open custody count	1.3	3
VICTIM SERVICES		
Victims referred to Victim Services	6,703	4,321
Victim impact statements	794	823
Short-term counselling	635	455
Trauma counselling	101	48
Compensation for victims of crime	765	535
INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES		
Adult provincial correctional institutions		
Adult custody admissions	2,513	2,902
Sentenced to custody	897	1108
Remands pending a court appearance	1,899	2,213
Temporary Absence program	142	183
Island View Community Residential Centre	41	51

COMMUNITY SAFETY	2020-2021	2021-2022
COMMUNITY SERVICES		
Youth secure custody services		
Youth secure custody admissions	66	41
Remand	51	35
Custody and supervision orders	10	3
INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES		
Total count		
Saint John Regional Correctional Centre	143	145
Southeast Regional Correctional Centre	151	167
Dalhousie Regional Correctional Centre	61	87
Madawaska Regional Correctional Centre	57	65
New Brunswick Women's Correctional Centre	36	53
New Brunswick Youth Centre	6	5
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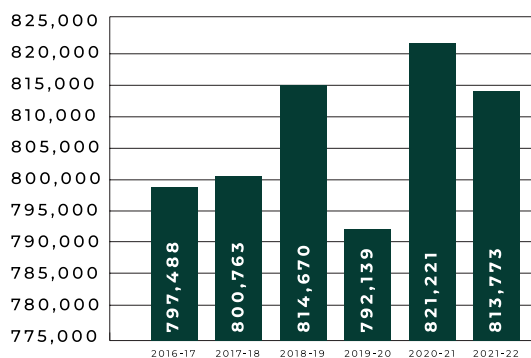
"Total count" includes remanded, sentenced and intermittent individuals, those in hospital, temporary release and unlawfully at large.

COMMUNITY SAFETY	2020-2021	2021-2022
SHERIFF SERVICES		
Persons transported	9,765	11,404
Persons in custody	4,577	4,753
Orders for execution		
Evictions / orders for possession	455	545
Order for seizure and sale	227	328
Intimate partner violation interventions	35	42

COMMUNITY SAFETY	2020-2021	2021-2022
MOTOR VEHICLE SERVICES		
Driver's licences (initial or renewal)	181,711	183,218
Helmets to Hardhats driver's licence exchanges	49	54
Identity cards (non-driving)	5,626	9,510
Vehicle registration	821,221	813,773
Motorcycle veteran plate	120	93
Vehicle registration reminder opt-out	24,795	24,405
Interlock clients	445	708
Dealers and inspection stations	2,073	2,298
Passenger vehicle driving schools	29	30
Commercial vehicle driving schools	10	10
Passenger vehicle driver instructor permit	111	118
Commercial vehicle driver instructor permit	19	23
Motorcycle driving schools	9	9
Motorcycle driver instructor permit	47	68
International Registration Plan (IRP) audits completed	31	12

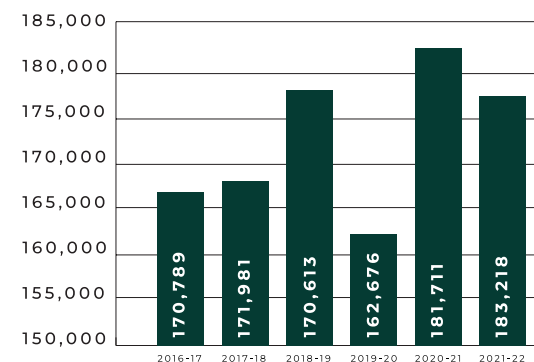
Registered Vehicles

Six-year Trend



Drivers Licences (initial or renewal)

Six-year Trend



COMMUNITY SAFETY	2020-2021	2021-2022
FIREARMS		
Shooting ranges inspected	12	4
Shooting ranges meeting the provincial standard	11	4
Ranges requiring re-inspection	4	-
Firearm safety training	1,533	3,949
Firearm transfers reviewed	1,803	1,647
CORONER SERVICES		
	CALENDAR YEAR	2020
Sudden and unexpected death investigations initiated	1,637	1,716

COMMUNITY SAFETY	2020-2021	2021-2022
INSPECTIONS AND ENFORCEMENT		
Motor Vehicle Safety Enforcement Section		
Commercial Vehicle Enforcement		
Speed enforcement on commercial vehicles on provincial highways – charges	899	1,154
Speed enforcement on commercial vehicles on provincial highways – warnings	46	41
Commercial vehicles checked or weighed	37,814	253,344
Inspections conducted	2,954	10,609
Charges laid	2,473	5,229
Warnings given	625	91
Annual Roadcheck - trucks inspected (includes motorcoach)	0	0
Operation Air Brake – vehicles inspected	0	56
Motor vehicle inspections		
Inspections concluded	644	689
National Safety Code		
Carrier contacts (includes education, inspections and enforcement activities)	645	1,591
Off-road Vehicle Enforcement		
Off-road vehicles checked	1,988	4,903
Calls for service	389	505
Trail kilometres	4,619	12,605
Charges laid	97	166
Warnings given	37	48
Checkpoints	129	360
Inspection and Investigation Section		
Motor vehicle, casino and licensee inspections		
Inspections and investigations completed		
Liquor	1,198	371
Lotteries	442	104
Tobacco sales to minors	400	414
Film and video	0	0
Salvage dealers	14	58
Private investigators	16	9
Smoke-free places	713	162
Gaming equipment	1,081	1,070
Audits on gaming equipment	0	68
Tobacco tax	293	302
Casino operational inspections	87	189
Casino operational audits	69	247
Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods		
Investigations (Civil)	113	148
Properties vacated due to illegal activity	19	48
Investigations with community resolution	57	75
Investigations based on illegal drug activity	101	114
General Investigation Unit		
Files received by GIS Unit	32	39
Files concluded (without court action)	7	8

COMMUNITY SAFETY	2020-2021	2021-2022
Files under investigation or before the courts	5	25
Files concluded in court	12	14
Conservation Enforcement Section		
Apprehensions for illegal activity		
Fish and wildlife	461	607
Watercourse and fish habitat	12	35
Illegal timber harvest	77	110
Other (off-road vehicle, forest fire, etc.)	1,360	1,927
Health Protection Services Section		
Public Health Inspection		
Food Safety		
Number of food service establishment inspections (by risk level)		
High	318	398
Medium	3,742	2,865
Low	356	290
Total food service establishments inspected	4,416	3,553
Licences issued	4,754	3,967
Licences revoked	6	1
Food handlers trained	0	7
Inspections of unlicensed, temporary or special event food vendors	33	152
Agri-Food Services		
Raw Milk Quality Program		
Number of raw milk samples tested	2,087	2,040
Dairy farm inspections		
Number of routine dairy farm inspections	177	187
Number of follow-up, quality and other inspections	182	233
Number of premise penalties	0	0
Number of bulk tank milk graders inspections	33	37
Number of bulk milk tank truck inspections	24	32
Water Quality		
Public drinking water supplies		
Boil orders issued	160	107
Private drinking water supplies		
Private well owners contacted	413	540
Recreational water quality		
Number of sites monitored	20	52
Number of beaches closed	1	3

COMMUNITY SAFETY	2020-2021	2021-2022
INSPECTIONS AND ENFORCEMENT		
Environmental Health and Community Sanitation		
On-site sewage disposal system		
Application assessments	163	93
Inspections	123	92
Air quality		
Indoor air quality investigations	10	13
Housing complaint investigations	217	130
Institutional health		
Special care home inspections	1,020	429
Daycare inspections	983	512
Smoke-free Places Act		
Complaints investigated	18	14

SECURITY AND EMERGENCIES	2020-2021	2021-2022
EMERGENCY MEASURES ORGANIZATION		
Emergency plans registered with NB EMO (of 104 municipalities)	103	103
Planning assistance provided to communities	111	148
Exercises conducted involving communities, institutions, industry, and private agencies	3	1
Participants in emergency management training courses	535	90
Provincial Emergency Operation Centre activated (significant events)	4	4
Property owners reported damage	269	-
Property owners applied for Disaster Financial Assistance	159	-
NB 9-1-1		
Volume for 911 calls	209,621	236,744
Number of requests for 911 call investigations	62	93
Number of new civic addresses assigned in unincorporated areas of the province	1,528	2,260

JUSTICE SERVICES	2020-2021	2021-2022
COURT SERVICES		
Court Activity		
Court of Appeal		
Civil matters	75	93
Criminal cases	26	37
Court of King's Bench		
Trial Division		
Causes filed	2,097	3,070
Matters filed	810	1,021
Family Division filing activity	4,965	4,820
Trial records for petitions	1,169	1,273
Motions	1,379	1,360
Applications	2,194	2,012
Separation agreements	49	69
Voluntary Agreement (Department of Social Development clients)	85	52
Affidavits of Default	89	54
Small Claims Court		
Claims filed	1,129	1,789
Up to \$3,000	273	379
\$3,000 to \$30,000	856	1,410
Small claims hearings held	257	258
Provincial Court – Adults only		
Charges disposed of (excluding municipal by-laws)	23,647	28,375
Youth Justice Court		
Charges disposed of	1,160	1,010
Child-Centered Family Justice Initiatives		
Court-Ordered Evaluations Support Program		
Applications received	26	21
Approved for help with cost of evaluation	22	22
OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR		
Adoption files processed	100	102
Bankruptcies filed	533	447
Commencement of divorce proceedings	1,253	1,287
Filing of decrees absolute and divorce judgments	1,051	1,081
Interjurisdictional Support Orders (ISO) files received	235	136
OFFICE OF SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT		
Total caseload	10,657	10,182
Average caseload per enforcement officer	533	509
Payment transactions processed	\$56,754,741	\$53,559,000
Payments toward support accounts	\$52,018,072	\$51,129,000
Payments toward Minister of Finance (social assistance client)	\$4,736,669	\$2,430,000
Total obligations due	\$57,826,366	\$56,489,000
Collection rate	98%	95%

Crime statistics ⁽¹⁾

	2020	2021	% CHANGE
Crime rate	5,998	6,470	7.9%
Percentage of crimes solved (clearance rate)	27%	25%	-8.7%
Crime Severity Index ⁽²⁾	83	88	6.2%
Adult crime rate	1,282	1,324	3.3%
Youth crime rate	2,273	2,151	-5.4%
Violent crime rate	1,635	1,740	6.4%
Percentage of violent crimes solved (clearance rate)	44%	40%	-8.9%
Property crime rate	3,269	3,614	10.6%
Percentage of property crimes solved (clearance rate)	14%	12%	-13.9%
Motor vehicle theft rate	193	211	9.4%
Break and enter rate	404	457	13.1%
Homicide rate	1.79	1.39	-22.3%
Sexual assault rate	78	95	21.5%
Percentage of sexual assault crimes solved (clearance rate)	51%	46%	-9.7%
Luring a child via a computer rate	4.0	6.1	53.5%
Robbery rate	19	15	-20.5%
Impaired driving rate	335	256	-23.4%

Note: Rates are calculated on the basis of 100,000 population

⁽¹⁾ Source: Statistics Canada. Table 35-10-0177-01 Incident-based crime statistics, by detailed violations

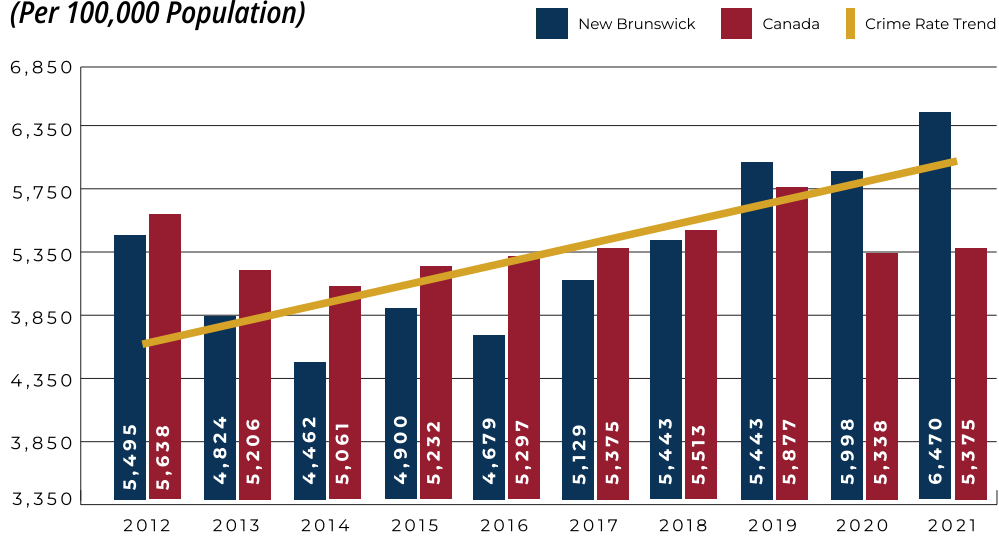
⁽²⁾ Source: Statistics Canada. Table 35-10-0026-01 Crime severity index and weighted clearance rates

CRIME RATE

New Brunswick ranking: fifth-lowest in Canada

Why it matters: Crime rates affect the sense of security that people have about their communities. These rates can also influence business investment and residential development.

**Crime Rate
(Per 100,000 Population)**



In 2021, the New Brunswick crime rate was 6,470 per 100,000 population. New Brunswick was fifth among the provinces for lowest rates of crime.

To be understood fully, crime rates need to be looked at during a period of years. Several factors can influence the crime rate, including whether crime is reported to police, police enforcement practices, changes to legislation and actual (real) reductions in crime. This is why the *New Brunswick Crime Prevention and Reduction Strategy* includes additional indicators as a way to more accurately measure reductions in crime during the long term, including crime severity, self-reported victimization, public perception of crime and underlying crime factors.