CHILD POVERTY & Economic Conditions in Aroostook County
INDIVIDUALS IN POVERTY

New England 11.5%
Maine 13.9%
Aroostook County 18.5%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2011-2015
CHILDREN IN POVERTY

New England: 15.3%
Maine: 18.6%
Aroostook County: 23.5%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2011-2015
CHILDREN UNDER 5 IN POVERTY

New England 17.8%
Maine 23.4%
Aroostook County 34.2%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2011-2015
Growth of children in deep poverty

U.S.
2.1%

New England
7.9%

Maine
16.5%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, children in households with incomes below 50% of poverty, 3-year average 2009-2011 and 2013-2015
42% likelihood of a child born into a poor household being poor as an adult

9% likelihood of a child born into a wealthy household being poor as an adult

For the average Maine town, every 1% increase in poverty in 2000 corresponded to 0.4% less job growth over the next 15 years.

Source: 45 North Research
1 in 4 Aroostook children are food insecure.

Source: FeedingAmerica.org
Children with food insecurity

- U.S.: 20.0%
- Maine: 23.3%
- Aroostook: 26.4%

Source: FeedingAmerica.org
Maine's state rank for children who are food insecure was falling. Now it is rising.

Source: The Annie E. Casey Foundation, Kids Count Data Center, children living in households that were food insecure at some point during the year
MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME

Aroostook $36,923

Maine $49,331

New England $64,697

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2011-2015
Education drives earnings.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2011-2015, median earnings by highest level of education
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Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2011-2015, median earnings by highest level of education
Individuals with a bachelor's degree

- New England: 38.4%
- Maine: 29.3%
- Aroostook County: 17.9%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2011-2015, residents age 25-64 with at least a bachelor's degree
Blue-collar wages have stagnated.

Average hourly earnings
U.S. production and non-supervisory employees
adjusted for inflation to 2015 dollars

$23.56
$21.96

Goods-production is declining; services are growing.

Lose a production job and become...

healthcare support

**MEN**

$37,047  ↓  $16,453

**WOMEN**

$22,292  ↓  $16,538

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2010-2014 median wage by sex for production and healthcare support occupations in Aroostook County
Lose a production job and become... healthcare technician

**MEN**
- $37,047
- $31,250

**WOMEN**
- $22,292
- $31,020

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2010-2014 median wage by sex for production and healthcare technologist and technician occupations in Aroostook County
Aroostook is losing jobs while other regions are gaining them.

U.S. +9.1%

Maine +3.1%

Aroostook -4.5%

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, change in total employment 2010 to 2015
MEDIAN AGE

New England: 40.4 yrs
Maine: 43.8 yrs
Aroostook County: 46.6 yrs

U.S.: 37.6 yrs

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2011-2015
For the average Maine town, every 1-year increase in median age in 2000 corresponded to 1% less job growth over the next 15 years.

Source: 45 North Research
Individuals with a disability

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2011-2015
New England: 9%

Aroostook: 19%

Maine: 14%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2011-2015
New England: 20%
Maine: 21%
Aroostook 16-64 year olds have not worked in the past 12 months: 26%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2011-2015
Aroostook is losing residents; other regions are growing slowly.

New England: +2.0%

Maine: +0.1%

Aroostook: -3.3%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, population change 2006-2010 to 2011-2015
Top 5 contributors to poor health in Aroostook County:

- Access to care
- Poverty
- Employment
- Health insurance
- Transportation