

**Table 4-3**  
**Selected labour force characteristics (seasonally adjusted) — Nova Scotia**

	November 2008	December 2008	S.E. <sup>1</sup>	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
<b>Both sexes, 15 years and over</b>									
Population	770.4	<b>770.6</b>	...	<b>0.2</b>	4.8	4.8	<b>0.0</b>	0.6	0.6
Labour force	492.4	<b>494.1</b>	2.8	<b>1.7</b>	3.9	3.9	<b>0.3</b>	0.8	0.8
Employment	454.2	<b>453.6</b>	2.9	<b>-0.6</b>	1.3	1.3	<b>-0.1</b>	0.3	0.3
Employment full-time	373.6	<b>371.8</b>	3.7	<b>-1.8</b>	5.1	5.1	<b>-0.5</b>	1.4	1.4
Unemployment	38.2	<b>40.5</b>	2.6	<b>2.3</b>	2.5	2.5	<b>6.0</b>	6.6	6.6
Participation rate	63.9	<b>64.1</b>	0.4	<b>0.2</b>	0.1	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.8	<b>8.2</b>	0.5	<b>0.4</b>	0.4	0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.0	<b>58.9</b>	0.4	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.2	-0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	17.7	<b>18.0</b>	0.7	<b>0.3</b>	-0.9	-0.9	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	120.8	<b>120.7</b>	...	<b>-0.1</b>	-1.3	-1.3	<b>-0.1</b>	-1.1	-1.1
Labour force	80.5	<b>81.6</b>	1.7	<b>1.1</b>	-1.7	-1.7	<b>1.4</b>	-2.0	-2.0
Employment	69.5	<b>69.1</b>	1.7	<b>-0.4</b>	-1.8	-1.8	<b>-0.6</b>	-2.5	-2.5
Unemployment	11.0	<b>12.4</b>	1.5	<b>1.4</b>	0.0	0.0	<b>12.7</b>	0.0	0.0
Participation rate	66.6	<b>67.6</b>	1.4	<b>1.0</b>	-0.7	-0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	13.7	<b>15.2</b>	1.7	<b>1.5</b>	0.3	0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.5	<b>57.2</b>	1.4	<b>-0.3</b>	-0.9	-0.9	...	...	...
Part-time rate	41.2	<b>42.7</b>	2.5	<b>1.5</b>	-2.7	-2.7	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	309.6	<b>309.8</b>	...	<b>0.2</b>	2.6	2.6	<b>0.1</b>	0.8	0.8
Labour force	211.2	<b>212.2</b>	1.5	<b>1.0</b>	1.5	1.5	<b>0.5</b>	0.7	0.7
Employment	195.7	<b>195.0</b>	1.7	<b>-0.7</b>	-1.0	-1.0	<b>-0.4</b>	-0.5	-0.5
Unemployment	15.5	<b>17.2</b>	1.6	<b>1.7</b>	2.5	2.5	<b>11.0</b>	17.0	17.0
Participation rate	68.2	<b>68.5</b>	0.5	<b>0.3</b>	-0.1	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.3	<b>8.1</b>	0.7	<b>0.8</b>	1.1	1.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	63.2	<b>62.9</b>	0.6	<b>-0.3</b>	-0.9	-0.9	...	...	...
Part-time rate	7.5	<b>7.0</b>	0.7	<b>-0.5</b>	-0.2	-0.2	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	340.0	<b>340.1</b>	...	<b>0.1</b>	3.4	3.4	<b>0.0</b>	1.0	1.0
Labour force	200.7	<b>200.3</b>	1.5	<b>-0.4</b>	4.1	4.1	<b>-0.2</b>	2.1	2.1
Employment	189.0	<b>189.4</b>	1.5	<b>0.4</b>	4.0	4.0	<b>0.2</b>	2.2	2.2
Unemployment	11.7	<b>10.9</b>	1.3	<b>-0.8</b>	0.0	0.0	<b>-6.8</b>	0.0	0.0
Participation rate	59.0	<b>58.9</b>	0.4	<b>-0.1</b>	0.6	0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.8	<b>5.4</b>	0.7	<b>-0.4</b>	-0.2	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	55.6	<b>55.7</b>	0.5	<b>0.1</b>	0.6	0.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	19.7	<b>20.4</b>	1.0	<b>0.6</b>	-0.7	-0.7	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>	454.2	<b>453.6</b>	2.9	<b>-0.6</b>	1.3	1.3	<b>-0.1</b>	0.3	0.3
Agriculture	6.9	<b>7.6</b>	0.7	<b>0.7</b>	1.9	1.9	<b>10.1</b>	33.3	33.3
Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas	12.7	<b>12.2</b>	1.0	<b>-0.5</b>	-1.5	-1.5	<b>-3.9</b>	-10.9	-10.9
Utilities	2.8	<b>2.7</b>	0.3	<b>-0.1</b>	0.1	0.1	<b>-3.6</b>	3.8	3.8
Construction	31.6	<b>31.8</b>	1.5	<b>0.2</b>	3.8	3.8	<b>0.6</b>	13.6	13.6
Manufacturing	38.0	<b>38.7</b>	1.5	<b>0.7</b>	-3.3	-3.3	<b>1.8</b>	-7.9	-7.9
<b>Services-producing sector</b>	362.3	<b>360.7</b>	3.0	<b>-1.6</b>	0.4	0.4	<b>-0.4</b>	0.1	0.1
Trade	81.3	<b>79.4</b>	1.9	<b>-1.9</b>	4.5	4.5	<b>-2.3</b>	6.0	6.0
Transportation and warehousing	17.6	<b>19.5</b>	1.0	<b>1.9</b>	0.1	0.1	<b>10.8</b>	0.5	0.5
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	20.3	<b>21.6</b>	1.0	<b>1.3</b>	0.1	0.1	<b>6.4</b>	0.5	0.5
Professional, scientific and technical services	23.6	<b>24.2</b>	1.0	<b>0.6</b>	5.4	5.4	<b>2.5</b>	28.7	28.7
Business, building and other support services	24.7	<b>24.9</b>	1.4	<b>0.2</b>	-6.2	-6.2	<b>0.8</b>	-19.9	-19.9
Educational services	34.4	<b>35.0</b>	1.4	<b>0.6</b>	0.6	0.6	<b>1.7</b>	1.7	1.7
Health care and social assistance	61.0	<b>59.3</b>	1.6	<b>-1.7</b>	-2.1	-2.1	<b>-2.8</b>	-3.4	-3.4
Information, culture and recreation	19.3	<b>18.5</b>	1.1	<b>-0.8</b>	-2.7	-2.7	<b>-4.1</b>	-12.7	-12.7
Accommodation and food services	30.0	<b>29.9</b>	1.5	<b>-0.1</b>	1.0	1.0	<b>-0.3</b>	3.5	3.5
Other services	19.5	<b>18.5</b>	1.2	<b>-1.0</b>	-0.6	-0.6	<b>-5.1</b>	-3.1	-3.1
Public administration	30.7	<b>30.0</b>	1.1	<b>-0.7</b>	0.3	0.3	<b>-2.3</b>	1.0	1.0

1. Average standard error of change in two consecutive months (see "Sampling Errors" in Data Quality for further explanations).

**Note(s):** Related CANSIM Tables 282-0087, 282-0088.