

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

	July 2012	August 2012	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	780.6	<b>780.7</b>	...	<b>0.1</b>	1.1	1.5	<b>0.0</b>	0.1	0.2
Labour force	503.0	<b>506.0</b>	2.7	<b>3.0</b>	8.7	7.5	<b>0.6</b>	1.7	1.5
Employment	455.5	<b>456.8</b>	2.8	<b>1.3</b>	-1.6	1.3	<b>0.3</b>	-0.3	0.3
Employment full-time	361.5	<b>364.1</b>	3.5	<b>2.6</b>	-5.4	-4.5	<b>0.7</b>	-1.5	-1.2
Unemployment	47.5	<b>49.2</b>	2.4	<b>1.7</b>	10.3	6.3	<b>3.6</b>	26.5	14.7
Participation rate	64.4	<b>64.8</b>	0.3	<b>0.4</b>	1.0	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.4	<b>9.7</b>	0.5	<b>0.3</b>	1.9	1.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.4	<b>58.5</b>	0.4	<b>0.1</b>	-0.3	0.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	20.7	<b>20.3</b>	0.7	<b>-0.4</b>	0.9	1.2	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	118.0	<b>117.7</b>	...	<b>-0.3</b>	-1.5	-2.1	<b>-0.3</b>	-1.3	-1.8
Labour force	77.5	<b>78.4</b>	1.6	<b>0.9</b>	3.1	0.8	<b>1.2</b>	4.1	1.0
Employment	63.0	<b>62.7</b>	1.5	<b>-0.3</b>	-1.9	-1.7	<b>-0.5</b>	-2.9	-2.6
Unemployment	14.6	<b>15.8</b>	1.5	<b>1.2</b>	5.1	2.6	<b>8.2</b>	47.7	19.7
Participation rate	65.7	<b>66.6</b>	1.4	<b>0.9</b>	3.4	1.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	18.8	<b>20.2</b>	1.8	<b>1.4</b>	6.0	3.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	53.4	<b>53.3</b>	1.3	<b>-0.1</b>	-0.9	-0.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	52.4	<b>51.8</b>	2.5	<b>-0.5</b>	1.8	3.1	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	314.0	<b>314.2</b>	...	<b>0.2</b>	1.6	2.2	<b>0.1</b>	0.5	0.7
Labour force	214.8	<b>216.1</b>	1.4	<b>1.3</b>	1.7	3.6	<b>0.6</b>	0.8	1.7
Employment	196.2	<b>197.1</b>	1.6	<b>0.9</b>	-0.8	2.6	<b>0.5</b>	-0.4	1.3
Unemployment	18.6	<b>19.0</b>	1.5	<b>0.4</b>	2.5	1.0	<b>2.2</b>	15.2	5.6
Participation rate	68.4	<b>68.8</b>	0.5	<b>0.4</b>	0.2	0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.7	<b>8.8</b>	0.7	<b>0.1</b>	1.1	0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.5	<b>62.7</b>	0.5	<b>0.2</b>	-0.6	0.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	8.1	<b>8.4</b>	0.7	<b>0.3</b>	1.3	0.1	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	348.6	<b>348.7</b>	...	<b>0.1</b>	0.9	1.4	<b>0.0</b>	0.3	0.4
Labour force	210.7	<b>211.5</b>	1.4	<b>0.8</b>	3.9	3.2	<b>0.4</b>	1.9	1.5
Employment	196.3	<b>197.0</b>	1.5	<b>0.7</b>	1.1	0.3	<b>0.4</b>	0.6	0.2
Unemployment	14.4	<b>14.5</b>	1.2	<b>0.1</b>	2.8	2.8	<b>0.7</b>	23.9	23.9
Participation rate	60.4	<b>60.7</b>	0.4	<b>0.3</b>	1.0	0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.8	<b>6.9</b>	0.6	<b>0.1</b>	1.3	1.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.3	<b>56.5</b>	0.4	<b>0.2</b>	0.2	-0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	23.1	<b>22.2</b>	1.0	<b>-0.9</b>	0.4	2.1	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
Industry	455.5	<b>456.8</b>	2.8	<b>1.3</b>	-1.6	1.3	<b>0.3</b>	-0.3	0.3
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Goods-producing sector	83.7	<b>84.3</b>	2.1	<b>0.6</b>	-0.3	0.0	<b>0.7</b>	-0.4	0.0
Agriculture	5.9	<b>5.9</b>	0.6	<b>0.0</b>	1.0	0.9	<b>0.0</b>	20.4	18.0
Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas extraction <sup>2</sup>	10.9	<b>11.7</b>	1.0	<b>0.8</b>	0.1	2.1	<b>7.3</b>	0.9	21.9
Utilities	3.7	<b>4.0</b>	0.4	<b>0.3</b>	0.7	-0.2	<b>8.1</b>	21.2	-4.8
Construction	31.4	<b>30.9</b>	1.4	<b>-0.5</b>	-0.7	0.1	<b>-1.6</b>	-2.2	0.3
Manufacturing	31.9	<b>31.8</b>	1.3	<b>-0.1</b>	-1.4	-3.0	<b>-0.3</b>	-4.2	-8.6
<b>Services-producing sector</b>									
Services-producing sector	371.8	<b>372.6</b>	2.8	<b>0.8</b>	-1.2	1.4	<b>0.2</b>	-0.3	0.4
Trade	72.1	<b>71.1</b>	1.9	<b>-1.0</b>	-5.5	-4.8	<b>-1.4</b>	-7.2	-6.3
Transportation and warehousing	19.1	<b>18.5</b>	1.1	<b>-0.6</b>	-3.8	-3.6	<b>-3.1</b>	-17.0	-16.3
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	23.9	<b>24.3</b>	1.1	<b>0.4</b>	1.0	1.1	<b>1.7</b>	4.3	4.7
Professional, scientific and technical services	24.9	<b>25.9</b>	1.1	<b>1.0</b>	1.7	1.6	<b>4.0</b>	7.0	6.6
Business, building and other support services	20.5	<b>21.8</b>	1.2	<b>1.3</b>	2.0	0.6	<b>6.3</b>	10.1	2.8
Educational services	40.5	<b>40.2</b>	1.5	<b>-0.3</b>	1.6	2.3	<b>-0.7</b>	4.1	6.1
Health care and social assistance	69.8	<b>68.1</b>	1.7	<b>-1.7</b>	-0.4	-1.2	<b>-2.4</b>	-0.6	-1.7
Information, culture and recreation	18.5	<b>17.6</b>	1.2	<b>-0.9</b>	-3.0	-2.9	<b>-4.9</b>	-14.6	-14.1
Accommodation and food services	31.8	<b>32.6</b>	1.4	<b>0.8</b>	4.6	5.1	<b>2.5</b>	16.4	18.5
Other services	20.9	<b>22.1</b>	1.1	<b>1.2</b>	1.2	3.7	<b>5.7</b>	5.7	20.1
Public administration	29.8	<b>30.5</b>	1.1	<b>0.7</b>	-0.5	-0.5	<b>2.3</b>	-1.6	-1.6

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

2. Also referred to as Natural resources.

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