

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

	September 2012	October 2012	S.E. ¹	Change from			Percent change from		
				last month	last December	twelve months ago	last month	last December	twelve months ago
in thousands (except rates)									
Both sexes, 15 years and over									
Population	780.4	780.5	...	0.1	0.9	1.2	0.0	0.1	0.2
Labour force	502.0	503.6	2.7	1.6	6.3	11.8	0.3	1.3	2.4
Employment	458.6	457.4	2.8	-1.2	-1.0	7.6	-0.3	-0.2	1.7
Employment full-time	366.8	365.5	3.5	-1.3	-4.0	-1.4	-0.4	-1.1	-0.4
Unemployment	43.4	46.2	2.4	2.8	7.3	4.2	6.5	18.8	10.0
Participation rate	64.3	64.5	0.3	0.2	0.7	1.4	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.6	9.2	0.5	0.6	1.4	0.7	...	...	...
Employment rate	58.8	58.6	0.4	-0.2	-0.2	0.9	...	...	...
Part-time rate	20.0	20.1	0.7	0.1	0.7	1.7	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	117.5	117.3	...	-0.2	-1.9	-2.2	-0.2	-1.6	-1.8
Labour force	78.0	77.6	1.6	-0.4	2.3	3.6	-0.5	3.1	4.9
Employment	63.5	63.4	1.5	-0.1	-1.2	1.3	-0.2	-1.9	2.1
Unemployment	14.4	14.2	1.5	-0.2	3.5	2.3	-1.4	32.7	19.3
Participation rate	66.4	66.2	1.4	-0.2	3.0	4.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	18.5	18.3	1.8	-0.2	4.1	2.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	54.0	54.0	1.3	0.0	-0.2	2.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	51.3	51.4	2.5	0.1	1.4	3.8	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	314.2	314.3	...	0.1	1.7	2.0	0.0	0.5	0.6
Labour force	212.8	215.4	1.4	2.6	1.0	3.3	1.2	0.5	1.6
Employment	196.6	197.0	1.6	0.4	-0.9	2.2	0.2	-0.5	1.1
Unemployment	16.3	18.4	1.5	2.1	1.9	1.1	12.9	11.5	6.4
Participation rate	67.7	68.5	0.5	0.8	-0.1	0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.7	8.5	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	62.6	62.7	0.5	0.1	-0.6	0.3	...	...	...
Part-time rate	8.6	9.0	0.7	0.4	2.0	2.1	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	348.7	348.8	...	0.1	1.0	1.2	0.0	0.3	0.3
Labour force	211.2	210.7	1.4	-0.5	3.1	5.0	-0.2	1.5	2.4
Employment	198.5	197.0	1.5	-1.5	1.1	4.1	-0.8	0.6	2.1
Unemployment	12.7	13.6	1.2	0.9	1.9	0.8	7.1	16.2	6.2
Participation rate	60.6	60.4	0.4	-0.2	0.7	1.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.0	6.5	0.6	0.5	0.9	0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.9	56.5	0.4	-0.4	0.2	1.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	21.3	21.1	1.0	-0.2	-0.7	0.4	...	...	...
Industry									
Industry	458.6	457.4	2.8	-1.2	-1.0	7.6	-0.3	-0.2	1.7
Goods-producing sector									
Goods-producing sector	85.0	84.9	2.1	-0.1	0.3	3.2	-0.1	0.4	3.9
Agriculture	6.1	5.9	0.6	-0.2	1.0	2.0	-3.3	20.4	51.3
Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas extraction ²	11.7	11.8	1.0	0.1	0.2	1.7	0.9	1.7	16.8
Utilities	4.3	4.6	0.4	0.3	1.3	0.2	7.0	39.4	4.5
Construction	31.9	30.7	1.4	-1.2	-0.9	-0.4	-3.8	-2.8	-1.3
Manufacturing	31.1	31.9	1.3	0.8	-1.3	-0.3	2.6	-3.9	-0.9
Services-producing sector									
Services-producing sector	373.6	372.5	2.8	-1.1	-1.3	4.4	-0.3	-0.3	1.2
Trade	73.3	69.7	1.9	-3.6	-6.9	-7.5	-4.9	-9.0	-9.7
Transportation and warehousing	19.9	20.4	1.1	0.5	-1.9	-2.5	2.5	-8.5	-10.9
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	24.3	24.1	1.1	-0.2	0.8	0.8	-0.8	3.4	3.4
Professional, scientific and technical services	24.8	27.2	1.1	2.4	3.0	2.8	9.7	12.4	11.5
Business, building and other support services	20.4	20.7	1.2	0.3	0.9	0.9	1.5	4.5	4.5
Educational services	37.4	38.0	1.5	0.6	-0.6	0.8	1.6	-1.6	2.2
Health care and social assistance	69.3	68.5	1.7	-0.8	0.0	1.4	-1.2	0.0	2.1
Information, culture and recreation	18.6	19.4	1.2	0.8	-1.2	-1.6	4.3	-5.8	-7.6
Accommodation and food services	35.0	34.2	1.4	-0.8	6.2	9.5	-2.3	22.1	38.5
Other services	19.9	19.6	1.1	-0.3	-1.3	-0.2	-1.5	-6.2	-1.0
Public administration	30.8	30.7	1.1	-0.1	-0.3	0.0	-0.3	-1.0	0.0

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.