

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

	November 2014	December 2014	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	781.1	<b>781.4</b>	...	<b>0.3</b>	-0.1	-0.1	<b>0.0</b>	0.0	0.0
Labour force	492.6	<b>487.8</b>	2.6	<b>-4.8</b>	-7.1	-7.1	<b>-1.0</b>	-1.4	-1.4
Employment	449.1	<b>447.5</b>	2.7	<b>-1.6</b>	-2.0	-2.0	<b>-0.4</b>	-0.4	-0.4
Employment full-time	366.8	<b>365.3</b>	3.5	<b>-1.5</b>	5.4	5.4	<b>-0.4</b>	1.5	1.5
Unemployment	43.5	<b>40.4</b>	2.3	<b>-3.1</b>	-5.0	-5.0	<b>-7.1</b>	-11.0	-11.0
Participation rate	63.1	<b>62.4</b>	0.3	<b>-0.7</b>	-0.9	-0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.8	<b>8.3</b>	0.5	<b>-0.5</b>	-0.9	-0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.5	<b>57.3</b>	0.3	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.2	-0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.3	<b>18.4</b>	0.7	<b>0.0</b>	-1.6	-1.6	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	112.0	<b>111.9</b>	...	<b>-0.1</b>	-3.1	-3.1	<b>-0.1</b>	-2.7	-2.7
Labour force	73.0	<b>72.7</b>	1.6	<b>-0.3</b>	-2.7	-2.7	<b>-0.4</b>	-3.6	-3.6
Employment	61.8	<b>61.1</b>	1.5	<b>-0.7</b>	0.4	0.4	<b>-1.1</b>	0.7	0.7
Unemployment	11.1	<b>11.6</b>	1.5	<b>0.5</b>	-3.1	-3.1	<b>4.5</b>	-21.1	-21.1
Participation rate	65.2	<b>65.0</b>	1.4	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.6	-0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	15.2	<b>16.0</b>	1.8	<b>0.8</b>	-3.5	-3.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	55.2	<b>54.6</b>	1.3	<b>-0.6</b>	1.8	1.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	46.0	<b>44.5</b>	2.7	<b>-1.4</b>	-1.3	-1.3	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	316.9	<b>317.1</b>	...	<b>0.2</b>	1.2	1.2	<b>0.1</b>	0.4	0.4
Labour force	211.6	<b>207.2</b>	1.4	<b>-4.4</b>	-5.6	-5.6	<b>-2.1</b>	-2.6	-2.6
Employment	192.6	<b>192.0</b>	1.6	<b>-0.6</b>	-1.5	-1.5	<b>-0.3</b>	-0.8	-0.8
Unemployment	19.0	<b>15.2</b>	1.4	<b>-3.8</b>	-4.1	-4.1	<b>-20.0</b>	-21.2	-21.2
Participation rate	66.8	<b>65.3</b>	0.4	<b>-1.5</b>	-2.1	-2.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.0	<b>7.3</b>	0.6	<b>-1.7</b>	-1.8	-1.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.8	<b>60.5</b>	0.5	<b>-0.3</b>	-0.8	-0.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	7.8	<b>8.5</b>	0.8	<b>0.8</b>	-1.0	-1.0	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	352.2	<b>352.4</b>	...	<b>0.2</b>	1.7	1.7	<b>0.1</b>	0.5	0.5
Labour force	208.0	<b>207.9</b>	1.5	<b>-0.1</b>	1.2	1.2	<b>0.0</b>	0.6	0.6
Employment	194.7	<b>194.3</b>	1.5	<b>-0.4</b>	-1.0	-1.0	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.5	-0.5
Unemployment	13.3	<b>13.6</b>	1.2	<b>0.3</b>	2.2	2.2	<b>2.3</b>	19.3	19.3
Participation rate	59.1	<b>59.0</b>	0.4	<b>-0.1</b>	0.1	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.4	<b>6.5</b>	0.5	<b>0.1</b>	1.0	1.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	55.3	<b>55.1</b>	0.4	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.6	-0.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	20.0	<b>19.8</b>	1.1	<b>-0.2</b>	-2.5	-2.5	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
Industry	449.1	<b>447.5</b>	2.7	<b>-1.6</b>	-2.0	-2.0	<b>-0.4</b>	-0.4	-0.4
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Goods-producing sector	79.5	<b>79.5</b>	2.2	<b>0.0</b>	-5.0	-5.0	<b>0.0</b>	-5.9	-5.9
Agriculture	4.2	<b>4.8</b>	0.7	<b>0.6</b>	-0.5	-0.5	<b>14.3</b>	-9.4	-9.4
Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas extraction <sup>2</sup>	13.6	<b>12.6</b>	0.9	<b>-1.0</b>	1.3	1.3	<b>-7.4</b>	11.5	11.5
Utilities	3.7	<b>4.2</b>	0.5	<b>0.5</b>	-0.1	-0.1	<b>13.5</b>	-2.3	-2.3
Construction	28.5	<b>28.9</b>	1.6	<b>0.4</b>	-4.2	-4.2	<b>1.4</b>	-12.7	-12.7
Manufacturing	29.5	<b>29.0</b>	1.3	<b>-0.5</b>	-1.5	-1.5	<b>-1.7</b>	-4.9	-4.9
<b>Services-producing sector</b>									
Services-producing sector	369.6	<b>368.0</b>	2.9	<b>-1.6</b>	3.0	3.0	<b>-0.4</b>	0.8	0.8
Trade	70.5	<b>70.0</b>	1.9	<b>-0.5</b>	-2.6	-2.6	<b>-0.7</b>	-3.6	-3.6
Transportation and warehousing	21.3	<b>20.6</b>	1.1	<b>-0.7</b>	2.2	2.2	<b>-3.3</b>	12.0	12.0
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	24.0	<b>25.2</b>	1.1	<b>1.2</b>	2.4	2.4	<b>5.0</b>	10.5	10.5
Professional, scientific and technical services	27.8	<b>28.3</b>	1.3	<b>0.5</b>	2.9	2.9	<b>1.8</b>	11.4	11.4
Business, building and other support services	18.5	<b>18.5</b>	1.3	<b>0.0</b>	-4.7	-4.7	<b>0.0</b>	-20.3	-20.3
Educational services	36.0	<b>35.6</b>	1.5	<b>-0.4</b>	-0.7	-0.7	<b>-1.1</b>	-1.9	-1.9
Health care and social assistance	73.3	<b>72.9</b>	1.7	<b>-0.4</b>	1.6	1.6	<b>-0.5</b>	2.2	2.2
Information, culture and recreation	21.2	<b>19.9</b>	1.2	<b>-1.3</b>	0.0	0.0	<b>-6.1</b>	0.0	0.0
Accommodation and food services	29.8	<b>30.7</b>	1.6	<b>0.9</b>	2.3	2.3	<b>3.0</b>	8.1	8.1
Other services	18.6	<b>16.8</b>	1.0	<b>-1.8</b>	-0.8	-0.8	<b>-9.7</b>	-4.5	-4.5
Public administration	28.6	<b>29.5</b>	1.1	<b>0.9</b>	0.4	0.4	<b>3.1</b>	1.4	1.4

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. The sum of individual categories may not always add to the total due to rounding.