

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

	December 2015	January 2016	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	787.0	787.1	...	0.1	0.1	3.0	0.0	0.0	0.4
Labour force	488.1	484.8	2.7	-3.3	-3.3	-6.8	-0.7	-0.7	-1.4
Employment	445.9	443.5	2.7	-2.4	-2.4	-7.0	-0.5	-0.5	-1.6
Employment full-time	368.4	365.5	3.8	-2.9	-2.9	-3.3	-0.8	-0.8	-0.9
Unemployment	42.2	41.4	2.5	-0.8	-0.8	0.3	-1.9	-1.9	0.7
Participation rate	62.0	61.6	0.3	-0.4	-0.4	-1.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.6	8.5	0.5	-0.1	-0.1	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.7	56.3	0.3	-0.4	-0.4	-1.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	17.4	17.6	0.7	0.2	0.2	-0.5	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	110.6	110.4	...	-0.2	-0.2	-2.2	-0.2	-0.2	-2.0
Labour force	70.8	71.3	1.5	0.5	0.5	-2.9	0.7	0.7	-3.9
Employment	60.0	60.6	1.4	0.6	0.6	-3.4	1.0	1.0	-5.3
Unemployment	10.9	10.7	1.4	-0.2	-0.2	0.5	-1.8	-1.8	4.9
Participation rate	64.0	64.6	1.4	0.6	0.6	-1.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	15.4	15.0	1.7	-0.4	-0.4	1.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	54.2	54.9	1.3	0.7	0.7	-1.9	...	...	...
Part-time rate	43.5	43.1	2.8	-0.4	-0.4	-2.9	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	323.9	324.0	...	0.1	0.1	2.6	0.0	0.0	0.8
Labour force	211.8	209.5	1.5	-2.3	-2.3	-3.2	-1.1	-1.1	-1.5
Employment	193.3	191.1	1.7	-2.2	-2.2	-4.4	-1.1	-1.1	-2.3
Unemployment	18.5	18.3	1.6	-0.2	-0.2	1.1	-1.1	-1.1	6.4
Participation rate	65.4	64.7	0.5	-0.7	-0.7	-1.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.7	8.7	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.7	59.0	0.5	-0.7	-0.7	-1.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	7.4	7.7	0.8	0.3	0.3	-1.2	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	352.5	352.7	...	0.2	0.2	2.6	0.1	0.1	0.7
Labour force	205.5	204.1	1.5	-1.4	-1.4	-0.6	-0.7	-0.7	-0.3
Employment	192.6	191.7	1.5	-0.9	-0.9	0.6	-0.5	-0.5	0.3
Unemployment	12.9	12.4	1.2	-0.5	-0.5	-1.2	-3.9	-3.9	-8.8
Participation rate	58.3	57.9	0.4	-0.4	-0.4	-0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.3	6.1	0.6	-0.2	-0.2	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	54.6	54.4	0.4	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	19.3	19.4	1.1	0.1	0.1	1.1	...	...	...
Industry									
Industry	445.9	443.5	2.7	-2.4	-2.4	-7.0	-0.5	-0.5	-1.6
Goods-producing sector									
Goods-producing sector	84.8	82.2	1.7	-2.6	-2.6	-0.8	-3.1	-3.1	-1.0
Agriculture	6.0	3.8	0.6	-2.2	-2.2	-1.2	-36.7	-36.7	-24.0
Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas extraction ²	10.8	11.8	0.9	1.0	1.0	-0.6	9.3	9.3	-4.8
Utilities	3.8	3.3	0.2	-0.5	-0.5	-0.3	-13.2	-13.2	-8.3
Construction	33.5	32.5	1.2	-1.0	-1.0	-1.5	-3.0	-3.0	-4.4
Manufacturing	30.8	30.9	0.8	0.1	0.1	2.9	0.3	0.3	10.4
Services-producing sector									
Services-producing sector	361.0	361.3	2.6	0.3	0.3	-6.2	0.1	0.1	-1.7
Wholesale and retail trade	71.2	68.8	1.4	-2.4	-2.4	-4.6	-3.4	-3.4	-6.3
Transportation and warehousing	20.5	20.6	0.8	0.1	0.1	-0.9	0.5	0.5	-4.2
Finance, insurance, real estate, rental and leasing	24.6	24.0	0.6	-0.6	-0.6	1.7	-2.4	-2.4	7.6
Professional, scientific and technical services	25.9	26.9	0.8	1.0	1.0	-0.4	3.9	3.9	-1.5
Business, building and other support services	17.9	16.5	0.8	-1.4	-1.4	-3.8	-7.8	-7.8	-18.7
Educational services	36.6	37.8	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.6	3.3	3.3	4.4
Health care and social assistance	72.1	73.1	1.0	1.0	1.0	2.0	1.4	1.4	2.8
Information, culture and recreation	16.1	15.5	0.8	-0.6	-0.6	-3.5	-3.7	-3.7	-18.4
Accommodation and food services	30.0	31.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	-1.7	3.7	3.7	-5.2
Other services (except public administration)	18.7	19.1	0.8	0.4	0.4	2.4	2.1	2.1	14.4
Public administration	27.6	27.7	0.7	0.1	0.1	0.8	0.4	0.4	3.0

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