

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

	January 2016	February 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	787.1	787.4	...	0.3	0.4	3.2	0.0	0.1	0.4
Labour force	484.8	488.8	2.7	4.0	0.7	-2.6	0.8	0.1	-0.5
Employment	443.5	444.3	2.7	0.8	-1.6	-2.7	0.2	-0.4	-0.6
Employment full-time	365.5	364.8	3.8	-0.7	-3.6	-2.3	-0.2	-1.0	-0.6
Unemployment	41.4	44.5	2.5	3.1	2.3	0.1	7.5	5.5	0.2
Participation rate	61.6	62.1	0.3	0.5	0.1	-0.6	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.5	9.1	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.3	56.4	0.3	0.1	-0.3	-0.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	17.6	17.9	0.7	0.3	0.5	0.0	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	110.4	110.4	...	0.0	-0.2	-2.0	0.0	-0.2	-1.8
Labour force	71.3	72.0	1.5	0.7	1.2	-3.0	1.0	1.7	-4.0
Employment	60.6	61.9	1.4	1.3	1.9	-2.2	2.1	3.2	-3.4
Unemployment	10.7	10.1	1.4	-0.6	-0.8	-0.8	-5.6	-7.3	-7.3
Participation rate	64.6	65.2	1.4	0.6	1.2	-1.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	15.0	14.0	1.7	-1.0	-1.4	-0.5	...	...	...
Employment rate	54.9	56.1	1.3	1.2	1.9	-0.9	...	...	...
Part-time rate	43.1	44.3	2.8	1.2	0.8	-1.6	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	324.0	324.2	...	0.2	0.3	2.6	0.1	0.1	0.8
Labour force	209.5	212.9	1.5	3.4	1.1	0.6	1.6	0.5	0.3
Employment	191.1	191.7	1.7	0.6	-1.6	-0.1	0.3	-0.8	-0.1
Unemployment	18.3	21.2	1.6	2.9	2.7	0.8	15.8	14.6	3.9
Participation rate	64.7	65.7	0.5	1.0	0.3	-0.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.7	10.0	0.7	1.3	1.3	0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.0	59.1	0.5	0.1	-0.6	-0.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	7.7	6.7	0.8	-1.0	-0.7	-0.7	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	352.7	352.8	...	0.1	0.3	2.5	0.0	0.1	0.7
Labour force	204.1	203.9	1.5	-0.2	-1.6	-0.3	-0.1	-0.8	-0.1
Employment	191.7	190.7	1.5	-1.0	-1.9	-0.4	-0.5	-1.0	-0.2
Unemployment	12.4	13.2	1.2	0.8	0.3	0.1	6.5	2.3	0.8
Participation rate	57.9	57.8	0.4	-0.1	-0.5	-0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.1	6.5	0.6	0.4	0.2	0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	54.4	54.1	0.4	-0.3	-0.5	-0.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	19.4	20.6	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.6	...	...	...
Industry									
Industry	443.5	444.3	2.7	0.8	-1.6	-2.7	0.2	-0.4	-0.6
Goods-producing sector									
Goods-producing sector	82.2	83.1	1.7	0.9	-1.7	3.9	1.1	-2.0	4.9
Agriculture	3.8	5.4	0.6	1.6	-0.6	0.2	42.1	-10.0	3.8
Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas extraction ²	11.8	12.3	0.9	0.5	1.5	1.7	4.2	13.9	16.0
Utilities	3.3	3.1	0.2	-0.2	-0.7	-0.5	-6.1	-18.4	-13.9
Construction	32.5	32.3	1.2	-0.2	-1.2	0.3	-0.6	-3.6	0.9
Manufacturing	30.9	30.0	0.8	-0.9	-0.8	2.2	-2.9	-2.6	7.9
Services-producing sector									
Services-producing sector	361.3	361.1	2.6	-0.2	0.1	-6.7	-0.1	0.0	-1.8
Wholesale and retail trade	68.8	69.0	1.4	0.2	-2.2	-3.6	0.3	-3.1	-5.0
Transportation and warehousing	20.6	20.6	0.8	0.0	0.1	-0.1	0.0	0.5	-0.5
Finance, insurance, real estate, rental and leasing	24.0	24.2	0.6	0.2	-0.4	1.6	0.8	-1.6	7.1
Professional, scientific and technical services	26.9	26.1	0.8	-0.8	0.2	-1.7	-3.0	0.8	-6.1
Business, building and other support services	16.5	16.9	0.8	0.4	-1.0	-4.9	2.4	-5.6	-22.5
Educational services	37.8	38.0	1.1	0.2	1.4	1.8	0.5	3.8	5.0
Health care and social assistance	73.1	74.4	1.0	1.3	2.3	3.4	1.8	3.2	4.8
Information, culture and recreation	15.5	16.1	0.8	0.6	0.0	-3.1	3.9	0.0	-16.1
Accommodation and food services	31.1	30.7	1.1	-0.4	0.7	-2.0	-1.3	2.3	-6.1
Other services (except public administration)	19.1	18.9	0.8	-0.2	0.2	2.4	-1.0	1.1	14.5
Public administration	27.7	26.1	0.7	-1.6	-1.5	-0.7	-5.8	-5.4	-2.6

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