

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

	February 2016	March 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	787.4	787.8	...	0.4	0.8	3.4	0.1	0.1	0.4
Labour force	488.8	492.7	2.7	3.9	4.6	0.7	0.8	0.9	0.1
Employment	444.3	447.7	2.7	3.4	1.8	1.4	0.8	0.4	0.3
Employment full-time	364.8	369.8	3.8	5.0	1.4	7.7	1.4	0.4	2.1
Unemployment	44.5	45.0	2.5	0.5	2.8	-0.7	1.1	6.6	-1.5
Participation rate	62.1	62.5	0.3	0.4	0.5	-0.2	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.1	9.1	0.5	0.0	0.5	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.4	56.8	0.3	0.4	0.1	-0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	17.9	17.4	0.7	-0.5	0.0	-1.5	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	110.4	110.3	...	-0.1	-0.3	-2.0	-0.1	-0.3	-1.8
Labour force	72.0	72.0	1.5	0.0	1.2	-2.8	0.0	1.7	-3.7
Employment	61.9	60.0	1.4	-1.9	0.0	-4.3	-3.1	0.0	-6.7
Unemployment	10.1	12.1	1.4	2.0	1.2	1.6	19.8	11.0	15.2
Participation rate	65.2	65.3	1.4	0.1	1.3	-1.3	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	14.0	16.8	1.7	2.8	1.4	2.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.1	54.4	1.3	-1.7	0.2	-2.9	...	...	...
Part-time rate	44.3	41.0	2.8	-3.3	-2.5	-6.7	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	324.2	324.4	...	0.2	0.5	2.7	0.1	0.2	0.8
Labour force	212.9	214.9	1.5	2.0	3.1	1.5	0.9	1.5	0.7
Employment	191.7	195.1	1.7	3.4	1.8	3.5	1.8	0.9	1.8
Unemployment	21.2	19.7	1.6	-1.5	1.2	-2.2	-7.1	6.5	-10.0
Participation rate	65.7	66.2	0.5	0.5	0.8	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	10.0	9.2	0.7	-0.8	0.5	-1.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.1	60.1	0.5	1.0	0.4	0.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	6.7	7.9	0.8	1.2	0.5	-0.8	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	352.8	353.1	...	0.3	0.6	2.7	0.1	0.2	0.8
Labour force	203.9	205.8	1.5	1.9	0.3	2.0	0.9	0.1	1.0
Employment	190.7	192.6	1.5	1.9	0.0	2.2	1.0	0.0	1.2
Unemployment	13.2	13.2	1.2	0.0	0.3	-0.2	0.0	2.3	-1.5
Participation rate	57.8	58.3	0.4	0.5	0.0	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	6.5	6.4	0.6	-0.1	0.1	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	54.1	54.5	0.4	0.4	-0.1	0.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	20.6	19.6	1.1	-0.9	0.4	0.3	...	...	...
Industry									
Industry	444.3	447.7	2.7	3.4	1.8	1.4	0.8	0.4	0.3
Goods-producing sector									
Goods-producing sector	83.1	83.5	1.7	0.4	-1.3	3.4	0.5	-1.5	4.2
Agriculture	5.4	4.2	0.6	-1.2	-1.8	-0.8	-22.2	-30.0	-16.0
Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas extraction ²	12.3	12.3	0.9	0.0	1.5	0.7	0.0	13.9	6.0
Utilities	3.1	3.0	0.2	-0.1	-0.8	-0.9	-3.2	-21.1	-23.1
Construction	32.3	33.7	1.2	1.4	0.2	1.5	4.3	0.6	4.7
Manufacturing	30.0	30.3	0.8	0.3	-0.5	3.0	1.0	-1.6	11.0
Services-producing sector									
Services-producing sector	361.1	364.1	2.6	3.0	3.1	-2.1	0.8	0.9	-0.6
Wholesale and retail trade	69.0	68.8	1.4	-0.2	-2.4	-4.1	-0.3	-3.4	-5.6
Transportation and warehousing	20.6	21.4	0.8	0.8	0.9	1.3	3.9	4.4	6.5
Finance, insurance, real estate, rental and leasing	24.2	23.2	0.6	-1.0	-1.4	1.2	-4.1	-5.7	5.5
Professional, scientific and technical services	26.1	27.2	0.8	1.1	1.3	0.8	4.2	5.0	3.0
Business, building and other support services	16.9	17.7	0.8	0.8	-0.2	-4.4	4.7	-1.1	-19.9
Educational services	38.0	38.5	1.1	0.5	1.9	2.3	1.3	5.2	6.4
Health care and social assistance	74.4	74.2	1.0	-0.2	2.1	2.8	-0.3	2.9	3.9
Information, culture and recreation	16.1	16.4	0.8	0.3	0.3	-2.5	1.9	1.9	-13.2
Accommodation and food services	30.7	31.8	1.1	1.1	1.8	-1.0	3.6	6.0	-3.0
Other services (except public administration)	18.9	18.5	0.8	-0.4	-0.2	2.1	-2.1	-1.1	12.8
Public administration	26.1	26.4	0.7	0.3	-1.2	-0.8	1.1	-4.3	-2.9

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.