

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

	April 2016	May 2016	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	787.9	<b>788.1</b>	...	<b>0.2</b>	1.1	3.4	<b>0.0</b>	0.1	0.4
Labour force	490.2	<b>486.4</b>	2.7	<b>-3.8</b>	-1.7	-3.4	<b>-0.8</b>	-0.3	-0.7
Employment	449.7	<b>446.1</b>	2.7	<b>-3.6</b>	0.2	-1.3	<b>-0.8</b>	0.0	-0.3
Employment full-time	367.6	<b>367.0</b>	3.8	<b>-0.6</b>	-1.4	2.0	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.4	0.5
Unemployment	40.5	<b>40.3</b>	2.5	<b>-0.2</b>	-1.9	-2.1	<b>-0.5</b>	-4.5	-5.0
Participation rate	62.2	<b>61.7</b>	0.3	<b>-0.5</b>	-0.3	-0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.3	<b>8.3</b>	0.5	<b>0.0</b>	-0.3	-0.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.1	<b>56.6</b>	0.3	<b>-0.5</b>	-0.1	-0.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	18.3	<b>17.7</b>	0.7	<b>-0.5</b>	0.4	-0.7	...	...	...
<b>Both sexes, 15 to 24 years</b>									
Population	110.2	<b>110.0</b>	...	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.6	-1.8	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.5	-1.6
Labour force	73.1	<b>71.1</b>	1.5	<b>-2.0</b>	0.3	-3.3	<b>-2.7</b>	0.4	-4.4
Employment	62.9	<b>59.6</b>	1.4	<b>-3.3</b>	-0.4	-2.8	<b>-5.2</b>	-0.7	-4.5
Unemployment	10.1	<b>11.6</b>	1.4	<b>1.5</b>	0.7	-0.4	<b>14.9</b>	6.4	-3.3
Participation rate	66.3	<b>64.6</b>	1.4	<b>-1.7</b>	0.6	-1.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	13.8	<b>16.3</b>	1.7	<b>2.5</b>	0.9	0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.1	<b>54.2</b>	1.3	<b>-2.9</b>	0.0	-1.6	...	...	...
Part-time rate	42.6	<b>44.0</b>	2.8	<b>1.4</b>	0.5	1.2	...	...	...
<b>Men, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	324.5	<b>324.7</b>	...	<b>0.2</b>	0.8	2.6	<b>0.1</b>	0.2	0.8
Labour force	212.5	<b>210.6</b>	1.5	<b>-1.9</b>	-1.2	-1.4	<b>-0.9</b>	-0.6	-0.7
Employment	193.9	<b>193.6</b>	1.7	<b>-0.3</b>	0.3	0.0	<b>-0.2</b>	0.2	0.0
Unemployment	18.6	<b>17.0</b>	1.6	<b>-1.6</b>	-1.5	-1.4	<b>-8.6</b>	-8.1	-7.6
Participation rate	65.5	<b>64.9</b>	0.5	<b>-0.6</b>	-0.5	-0.9	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.8	<b>8.1</b>	0.7	<b>-0.7</b>	-0.6	-0.6	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.8	<b>59.6</b>	0.5	<b>-0.2</b>	-0.1	-0.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	7.5	<b>7.4</b>	0.8	<b>-0.1</b>	0.0	-1.2	...	...	...
<b>Women, 25 years and over</b>									
Population	353.2	<b>353.4</b>	...	<b>0.2</b>	0.9	2.7	<b>0.1</b>	0.3	0.8
Labour force	204.6	<b>204.7</b>	1.5	<b>0.1</b>	-0.8	1.3	<b>0.0</b>	-0.4	0.6
Employment	192.8	<b>192.9</b>	1.5	<b>0.1</b>	0.3	1.5	<b>0.1</b>	0.2	0.8
Unemployment	11.8	<b>11.8</b>	1.2	<b>0.0</b>	-1.1	-0.2	<b>0.0</b>	-8.5	-1.7
Participation rate	57.9	<b>57.9</b>	0.4	<b>0.0</b>	-0.4	-0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	5.8	<b>5.8</b>	0.6	<b>0.0</b>	-0.5	-0.1	...	...	...
Employment rate	54.6	<b>54.6</b>	0.4	<b>0.0</b>	0.0	0.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	21.1	<b>20.0</b>	1.1	<b>-1.2</b>	0.7	-0.5	...	...	...
<b>Industry</b>									
Industry	449.7	<b>446.1</b>	2.7	<b>-3.6</b>	0.2	-1.3	<b>-0.8</b>	0.0	-0.3
<b>Goods-producing sector</b>									
Goods-producing sector	80.8	<b>82.1</b>	1.7	<b>1.3</b>	-2.7	-0.3	<b>1.6</b>	-3.2	-0.4
Agriculture	4.4	<b>4.2</b>	0.6	<b>-0.2</b>	-1.8	-0.4	<b>-4.5</b>	-30.0	-8.7
Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas extraction <sup>2</sup>	11.8	<b>11.6</b>	0.9	<b>-0.2</b>	0.8	-1.0	<b>-1.7</b>	7.4	-7.9
Utilities	3.0	<b>3.3</b>	0.2	<b>0.3</b>	-0.5	-0.4	<b>10.0</b>	-13.2	-10.8
Construction	32.2	<b>33.6</b>	1.2	<b>1.4</b>	0.1	0.0	<b>4.3</b>	0.3	0.0
Manufacturing	29.3	<b>29.3</b>	0.8	<b>0.0</b>	-1.5	1.4	<b>0.0</b>	-4.9	5.0
<b>Services-producing sector</b>									
Services-producing sector	368.9	<b>364.0</b>	2.6	<b>-4.9</b>	3.0	-1.0	<b>-1.3</b>	0.8	-0.3
Wholesale and retail trade	71.7	<b>69.8</b>	1.4	<b>-1.9</b>	-1.4	-2.3	<b>-2.6</b>	-2.0	-3.2
Transportation and warehousing	20.3	<b>20.7</b>	0.8	<b>0.4</b>	0.2	1.4	<b>2.0</b>	1.0	7.3
Finance, insurance, real estate, rental and leasing	23.3	<b>23.1</b>	0.6	<b>-0.2</b>	-1.5	0.2	<b>-0.9</b>	-6.1	0.9
Professional, scientific and technical services	27.7	<b>28.2</b>	0.8	<b>0.5</b>	2.3	-1.0	<b>1.8</b>	8.9	-3.4
Business, building and other support services	18.6	<b>19.1</b>	0.8	<b>0.5</b>	1.2	-0.5	<b>2.7</b>	6.7	-2.6
Educational services	37.4	<b>34.7</b>	1.1	<b>-2.7</b>	-1.9	-2.8	<b>-7.2</b>	-5.2	-7.5
Health care and social assistance	75.6	<b>74.8</b>	1.0	<b>-0.8</b>	2.7	2.6	<b>-1.1</b>	3.7	3.6
Information, culture and recreation	15.6	<b>16.7</b>	0.8	<b>1.1</b>	0.6	-0.7	<b>7.1</b>	3.7	-4.0
Accommodation and food services	32.7	<b>30.2</b>	1.1	<b>-2.5</b>	0.2	-1.9	<b>-7.6</b>	0.7	-5.9
Other services (except public administration)	18.7	<b>19.0</b>	0.8	<b>0.3</b>	0.3	2.6	<b>1.6</b>	1.6	15.9
Public administration	27.4	<b>27.7</b>	0.7	<b>0.3</b>	0.1	1.4	<b>1.1</b>	0.4	5.3

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.