

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

	December 2016	January 2017	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	790.0	790.3	...	0.3	0.3	3.2	0.0	0.0	0.4
Labour force	488.9	490.5	2.5	1.6	1.6	6.0	0.3	0.3	1.2
Employment	448.5	452.7	2.7	4.2	4.2	9.8	0.9	0.9	2.2
Employment full-time	355.1	363.5	3.5	8.4	8.4	-1.3	2.4	2.4	-0.4
Unemployment	40.4	37.9	2.3	-2.5	-2.5	-3.7	-6.2	-6.2	-8.9
Participation rate	61.9	62.1	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.3	7.7	0.5	-0.6	-0.6	-0.9	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.8	57.3	0.3	0.5	0.5	1.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	20.8	19.7	0.7	-1.1	-1.1	2.1	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	109.1	108.9	...	-0.2	-0.2	-1.5	-0.2	-0.2	-1.4
Labour force	67.9	68.2	1.5	0.3	0.3	-3.1	0.4	0.4	-4.3
Employment	57.1	57.2	1.5	0.1	0.1	-3.4	0.2	0.2	-5.6
Unemployment	10.7	10.9	1.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	1.9	1.9	1.9
Participation rate	62.2	62.6	1.4	0.4	0.4	-2.0	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	15.8	16.0	1.8	0.2	0.2	1.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	52.3	52.5	1.4	0.2	0.2	-2.4	...	...	...
Part-time rate	49.0	48.8	2.8	-0.3	-0.3	5.7	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	326.3	326.5	...	0.2	0.2	2.5	0.1	0.1	0.8
Labour force	214.5	214.6	1.5	0.1	0.1	5.3	0.0	0.0	2.5
Employment	194.2	196.3	1.6	2.1	2.1	5.5	1.1	1.1	2.9
Unemployment	20.2	18.3	1.5	-1.9	-1.9	-0.2	-9.4	-9.4	-1.1
Participation rate	65.7	65.7	0.4	0.0	0.0	1.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	9.4	8.5	0.7	-0.9	-0.9	-0.3	...	...	...
Employment rate	59.5	60.1	0.5	0.6	0.6	1.2	...	...	...
Part-time rate	9.2	8.6	0.8	-0.7	-0.7	0.9	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	354.7	354.8	...	0.1	0.1	2.1	0.0	0.0	0.6
Labour force	206.6	207.8	1.4	1.2	1.2	4.0	0.6	0.6	2.0
Employment	197.2	199.1	1.5	1.9	1.9	7.7	1.0	1.0	4.0
Unemployment	9.4	8.6	1.2	-0.8	-0.8	-3.8	-8.5	-8.5	-30.6
Participation rate	58.2	58.6	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.8	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.5	4.1	0.6	-0.4	-0.4	-2.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	55.6	56.1	0.4	0.5	0.5	1.8	...	...	...
Part-time rate	24.0	22.3	1.1	-1.7	-1.7	2.8	...	...	...
Industry									
Industry	448.5	452.7	2.7	4.2	4.2	9.8	0.9	0.9	2.2
Goods-producing sector									
Goods-producing sector	80.7	83.0	1.6	2.3	2.3	1.0	2.9	2.9	1.2
Agriculture	4.8	4.8	0.6	0.0	0.0	1.1	0.0	0.0	29.7
Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas extraction ²	11.6	12.5	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.8	7.8	7.8	6.8
Utilities	3.4	3.7	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	8.8	8.8	8.8
Construction	33.3	34.6	1.1	1.3	1.3	2.1	3.9	3.9	6.5
Manufacturing	27.8	27.3	0.8	-0.5	-0.5	-3.4	-1.8	-1.8	-11.1
Services-producing sector									
Services-producing sector	367.8	369.7	2.5	1.9	1.9	8.8	0.5	0.5	2.4
Wholesale and retail trade	74.0	75.1	1.3	1.1	1.1	6.2	1.5	1.5	9.0
Transportation and warehousing	20.1	20.4	0.7	0.3	0.3	-0.1	1.5	1.5	-0.5
Finance, insurance, real estate, rental and leasing	23.6	22.5	0.7	-1.1	-1.1	-1.5	-4.7	-4.7	-6.3
Professional, scientific and technical services	28.3	29.8	0.9	1.5	1.5	2.9	5.3	5.3	10.8
Business, building and other support services	17.2	16.9	0.8	-0.3	-0.3	0.5	-1.7	-1.7	3.0
Educational services	36.2	34.2	1.0	-2.0	-2.0	-3.5	-5.5	-5.5	-9.3
Health care and social assistance	75.9	76.8	1.1	0.9	0.9	3.6	1.2	1.2	4.9
Information, culture and recreation	15.5	16.2	0.9	0.7	0.7	0.5	4.5	4.5	3.2
Accommodation and food services	28.1	29.1	1.1	1.0	1.0	-2.0	3.6	3.6	-6.4
Other services (except public administration)	20.8	19.9	0.8	-0.9	-0.9	0.9	-4.3	-4.3	4.7
Public administration	28.0	28.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	1.2	2.9	2.9	4.3

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.