

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

	January 2017	February 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	790.3	790.5	...	0.2	0.5	3.1	0.0	0.1	0.4
Labour force	490.5	485.0	2.5	-5.5	-3.9	-3.8	-1.1	-0.8	-0.8
Employment	452.7	445.9	2.7	-6.8	-2.6	1.7	-1.5	-0.6	0.4
Employment full-time	363.5	362.3	3.5	-1.2	7.2	-2.7	-0.3	2.0	-0.7
Unemployment	37.9	39.1	2.3	1.2	-1.3	-5.5	3.2	-3.2	-12.3
Participation rate	62.1	61.4	0.3	-0.7	-0.5	-0.7	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	7.7	8.1	0.5	0.4	-0.2	-1.0	...	...	...
Employment rate	57.3	56.4	0.3	-0.9	-0.4	0.0	...	...	...
Part-time rate	19.7	18.8	0.7	-0.9	-2.1	0.9	...	...	...
Both sexes, 15 to 24 years									
Population	108.9	108.9	...	0.0	-0.2	-1.5	0.0	-0.2	-1.4
Labour force	68.2	66.6	1.5	-1.6	-1.3	-5.5	-2.3	-1.9	-7.6
Employment	57.2	57.2	1.5	0.0	0.1	-4.6	0.0	0.2	-7.4
Unemployment	10.9	9.4	1.3	-1.5	-1.3	-0.9	-13.8	-12.1	-8.7
Participation rate	62.6	61.2	1.4	-1.4	-1.0	-4.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	16.0	14.1	1.8	-1.9	-1.7	-0.2	...	...	...
Employment rate	52.5	52.5	1.4	0.0	0.2	-3.5	...	...	...
Part-time rate	48.8	45.3	2.8	-3.5	-3.8	0.9	...	...	...
Men, 25 years and over									
Population	326.5	326.7	...	0.2	0.4	2.5	0.1	0.1	0.8
Labour force	214.6	213.4	1.5	-1.2	-1.1	0.2	-0.6	-0.5	0.1
Employment	196.3	193.8	1.6	-2.5	-0.4	1.8	-1.3	-0.2	0.9
Unemployment	18.3	19.5	1.5	1.2	-0.7	-1.7	6.6	-3.5	-8.0
Participation rate	65.7	65.3	0.4	-0.4	-0.4	-0.5	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	8.5	9.1	0.7	0.6	-0.3	-0.8	...	...	...
Employment rate	60.1	59.3	0.5	-0.8	-0.2	0.1	...	...	...
Part-time rate	8.6	9.2	0.8	0.6	0.0	2.6	...	...	...
Women, 25 years and over									
Population	354.8	354.9	...	0.1	0.2	2.1	0.0	0.1	0.6
Labour force	207.8	205.1	1.4	-2.7	-1.5	1.6	-1.3	-0.7	0.8
Employment	199.1	194.9	1.5	-4.2	-2.3	4.5	-2.1	-1.2	2.4
Unemployment	8.6	10.2	1.2	1.6	0.8	-2.9	18.6	8.5	-22.1
Participation rate	58.6	57.8	0.4	-0.8	-0.4	0.1	...	...	...
Unemployment rate	4.1	5.0	0.6	0.9	0.5	-1.4	...	...	...
Employment rate	56.1	54.9	0.4	-1.2	-0.7	0.9	...	...	...
Part-time rate	22.3	20.5	1.1	-1.8	-3.5	-0.1	...	...	...
Industry									
Industry	452.7	445.9	2.7	-6.8	-2.6	1.7	-1.5	-0.6	0.4
Goods-producing sector									
Goods-producing sector	83.0	79.9	1.6	-3.1	-0.8	-2.8	-3.7	-1.0	-3.4
Agriculture	4.8	4.5	0.6	-0.3	-0.3	-0.5	-6.3	-6.3	-10.0
Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas extraction ²	12.5	11.4	0.8	-1.1	-0.2	-0.7	-8.8	-1.7	-5.8
Utilities	3.7	4.1	0.2	0.4	0.7	0.9	10.8	20.6	28.1
Construction	34.6	32.8	1.1	-1.8	-0.5	0.4	-5.2	-1.5	1.2
Manufacturing	27.3	27.1	0.8	-0.2	-0.7	-2.8	-0.7	-2.5	-9.4
Services-producing sector									
Services-producing sector	369.7	366.0	2.5	-3.7	-1.8	4.4	-1.0	-0.5	1.2
Wholesale and retail trade	75.1	75.5	1.3	0.4	1.5	6.3	0.5	2.0	9.1
Transportation and warehousing	20.4	18.7	0.7	-1.7	-1.4	-1.9	-8.3	-7.0	-9.2
Finance, insurance, real estate, rental and leasing	22.5	22.5	0.7	0.0	-1.1	-1.7	0.0	-4.7	-7.0
Professional, scientific and technical services	29.8	29.3	0.9	-0.5	1.0	3.2	-1.7	3.5	12.3
Business, building and other support services	16.9	17.5	0.8	0.6	0.3	0.4	3.6	1.7	2.3
Educational services	34.2	33.6	1.0	-0.6	-2.6	-4.4	-1.8	-7.2	-11.6
Health care and social assistance	76.8	74.8	1.1	-2.0	-1.1	0.4	-2.6	-1.4	0.5
Information, culture and recreation	16.2	14.5	0.9	-1.7	-1.0	-1.6	-10.5	-6.5	-9.9
Accommodation and food services	29.1	31.9	1.1	2.8	3.8	1.3	9.6	13.5	4.2
Other services (except public administration)	19.9	18.4	0.8	-1.5	-2.4	-0.5	-7.5	-11.5	-2.6
Public administration	28.8	29.4	0.8	0.6	1.4	3.1	2.1	5.0	11.8

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.