

Labour Market Information News

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This monthly newsletter provides a snapshot of new research and data on Nova Scotia's labour market collected by LAE's [PRA division](#).

Labour Force Survey, 2018: Nova Scotia Annual Highlights

| Labour force characteristics | Jan-Dec 2017 | Jan-Dec 2018 | % Change |
|--------------------------------|--------------|--------------|----------|
| Population (x 1,000) | 792.5 | 798.8 | 0.8% |
| Labour force (x 1,000) | 490.1 | 493.1 | 0.6% |
| Employment (x 1,000) | 449 | 455.9 | 1.5% |
| Full-time employment (x 1,000) | 364.1 | 375.2 | 3.0% |
| Part-time employment (x 1,000) | 84.9 | 80.6 | -5.1% |
| Unemployment (x 1,000) | 41 | 37.2 | -9.3% |
| Unemployment rate (rate) | 8.4 | 7.5 | -0.9 |
| Participation rate (rate) | 61.8 | 61.7 | -0.1 |
| Employment rate (rate) | 56.7 | 57.1 | 0.4 |

Source: Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey, CANSIM 282-0002 Both Sexes, Ages 15+, Annual

Notes: The sum of individual categories may not always add up to the total as a result of rounding.

- In 2018, Nova Scotia continue to experience population expansion b6 6,300 (+0.8%). The labour force also increased by 3,000 (+0.6%) compared to 2017.
- Overall employment increased by 6,900 (+1.5%), spurred by the 11,100 (+3.0%) increase in the full-time employment.
 - All the youth (aged 15-24), core-aged workers (aged 25-54) and older workers (aged 55 and over) experienced employment expansion.
- Unemployment decreased by 3,800 (-9.3%) as the employment expanded faster than the labour force. As a result, the unemployment rate decreased from 8.4% in 2017 to 7.5% in 2018.
- As the employment expansion outpaced the population expansion, the employment rate increased by 0.4 percentage points to 57.1% in 2018.