

## 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 RAIA division.

### Labour Force Survey, May 2019: Nova Scotia Highlights

- Nova Scotia's **labour force** increased marginally by 2,800 (+0.6%) from 498,800 in April to 501,600 in May. Compared to a year ago, the labour force increased by 11,300 (+2.3%).
  - In the past twelve months, youth (aged 15-24 years), core-aged (aged 25-54 years) and older workers (aged 55 and over) labour force have all contributed to the expansion.
- In the last month, **employment** increased by 4,500 (+1.0%) while **unemployment** decreased by 1,600 (-4.7%). Compared to a year ago, employment increased by 14,600 (+3.2%).
  - In the last twelve months, youth employment increased by 6,400 (+10.8%), contributing the most to the rise of employment level. Core-aged employment also expanded by 5,900 (+2.0%) and older workers' employment rose by 2,300 (+2.2%).
  - **Full-time employment** and **part-time employment** increased by 6,700 (+1.8%) and 7,700 (+9.6%) respectively during the same period.
  - The sectoral decomposition shows that **goods sector** and **services sector** both saw employment gains during the last twelve months; goods by 4,900 (+6.0%) and services by 9,600 (+2.6%). Health care and social assistance, Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas & Wholesale and retail trade were the top contributors.
- The monthly **unemployment rate** was 6.5%, down by 0.4 percentage points from April. It may be mostly attributed to the over 10% increase in youth employment in the last month.

#### Nova Scotia Labour Force Update, May, 2019

Labour Force Characteristic	May-18	Apr-19	May-19	May'18 - May'19 % change	Apr'19 - May'19 % change
Population	797,500	804,500	805,100	1.0%	0.1%
Labour force	490,300	498,800	501,600	2.3%	0.6%
Employment	454,300	464,400	468,900	3.2%	1.0%
Employment full-time	374,500	377,300	381,200	1.8%	1.0%
Employment part-time	79,900	87,100	87,600	9.6%	0.6%
Unemployment	36,000	34,400	32,800	-8.9%	-4.7%
Unemployment rate	7.3%	6.9%	6.5%	-0.8	-0.4
Participation rate	61.5%	62.0%	62.3%	0.8	0.3
Employment rate	57.0%	57.7%	58.2%	1.2	0.5

Source: Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey, Table 14-01-0287-01, Seasonally Adjusted, Both Sexes, Ages 15+

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