

Labour Market Information News

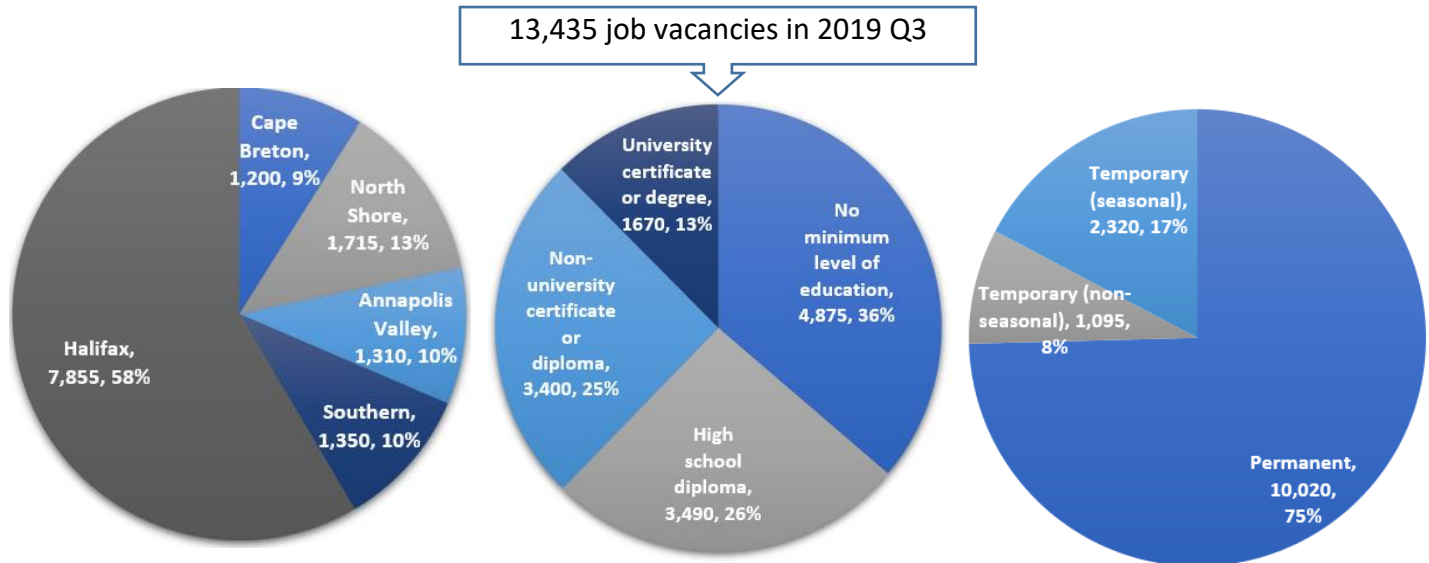
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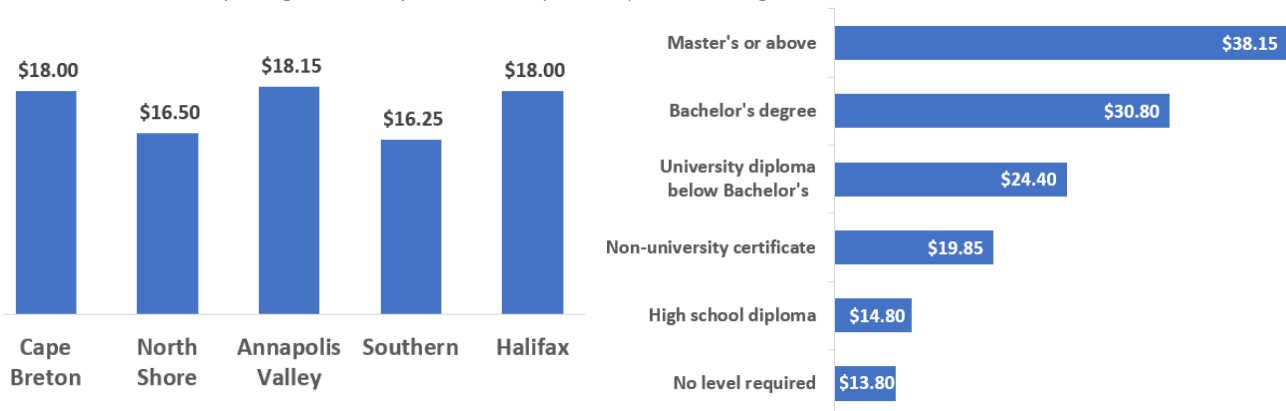
Insights on Nova Scotia's Labour Market prepared by LAE's RAIA division.

Job Vacancy & Wage Survey, 3rd Quarter 2019: Nova Scotia Highlights

This quarter, Nova Scotia's labour market growth shows both an increase in payroll employment and job vacancies. Average hourly wages offered for job vacancies are lower than last quarter.



- **Job vacancies** in 2019 Q3 in Nova Scotia increased by 1,875 (+16.2%) compared to a year ago.
- The average offered **hourly wage** is \$17.65, decreased by \$0.35/hr (-1.9%) from last quarter. Compared to a year ago, it decreased slightly by \$0.05/hr (-0.3%).
 - During the last quarter, Halifax and Southern region experienced \$1.00/hr (-5.3%) and \$1.40/hr drop (-7.9%) in offered hourly wage. This was partially offset by the wage rise in North Shore (\$0.8/hr, +5.1%) and Annapolis Valley (\$1.15/hr, +6.8%). Cape Breton's offered hourly wage rose by \$0.15/hr (+0.8%) on average.



- **Job vacancy rate**, the number of job vacancies expressed as a percentage of labour demand (the sum of occupied and vacant jobs), remained at 3.2% in 2019 Q3.

Nova Scotia Job Vacancy & Wage Rate Update, 2019 Q3

Job Vacancy & Wage Rate	Q3 2018	Q2 2019	Q3 2019	Q/Q % change	Y/Y %change
Job vacancies	11,560	13,100	13,435	2.6%	16.2%
Payroll employees	398,530	391,430	407,640	4.1%	2.3%
Job vacancy rate	2.8%	3.2%	3.2%	0.00	0.40
Average offered hourly wage	\$ 17.70	\$ 18.00	\$ 17.65	-1.9%	-0.3%

Source: Statistics Canada, Job Vacancy & Wage Survey, Table 14-10-0325-01, Unadjusted for Seasonality.