

Finding a Primary Care Provider

in Nova Scotia - April 2022

As of Apr 1, 2022

88,359

Nova Scotians

are on the Need a Family Practice Registry

This represents

8.8%

of the population



Annual Population Estimates, Jan 1, 2022
Statistics Canada

Approximately

2,800 people

found a family doctor or nurse practitioner each month in the past year

Monthly Activity

As reported in Mar 2022

2,703 people

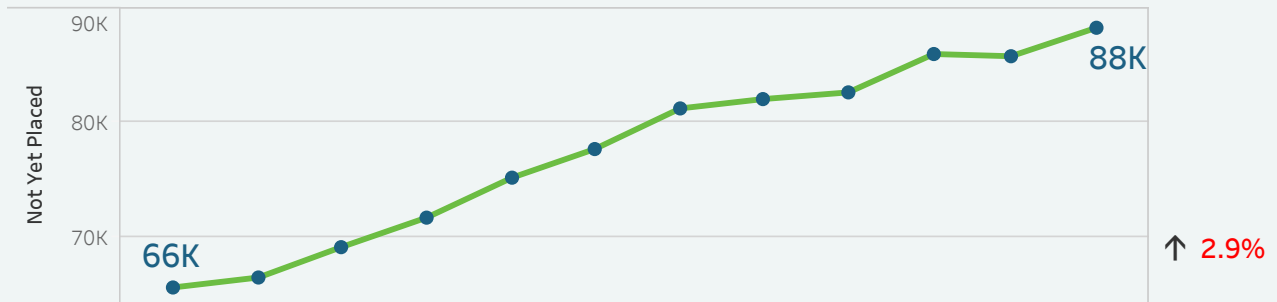
found a family practice

In Mar 2022

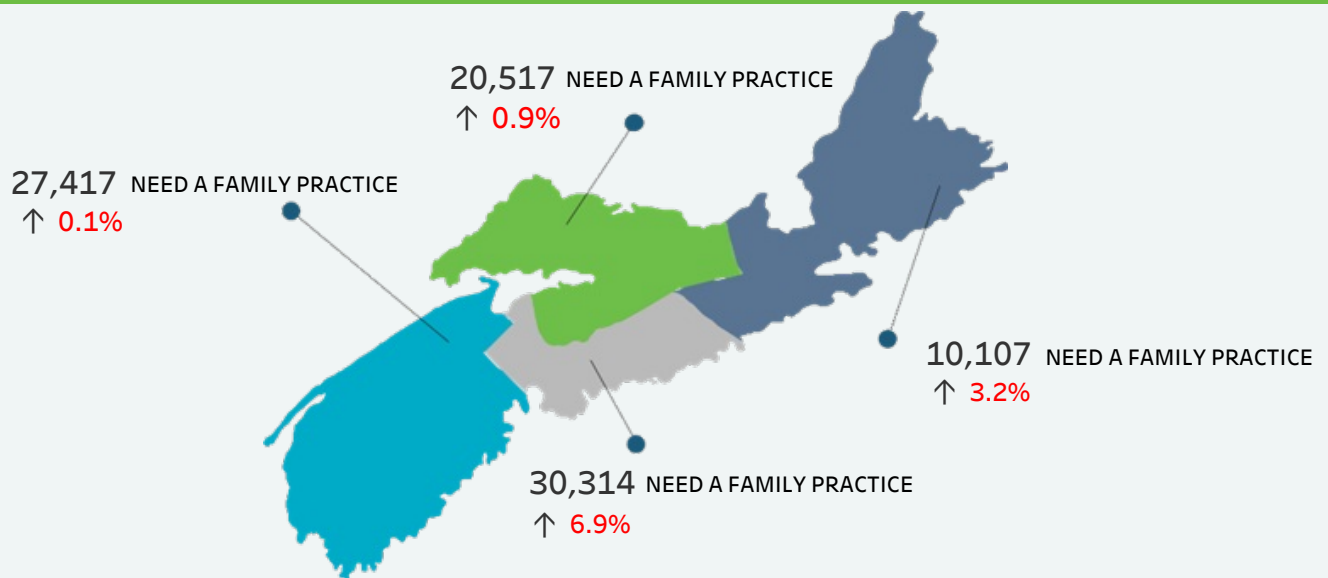
4,822 people

added their names to the registry

Number of people on the Need a Family Practice Registry May 2021 - Apr 2022



Total number of Nova Scotians by area and percentage change



Providing Access to Primary Health Care Services

Primary Care Clinics

A Primary Care Clinic provides short-term primary medical care for people on the Need a Family Practice Registry. These clinics help to ensure access to care while awaiting a permanent provider. There are currently 19 locations across Nova Scotia providing access to care through the Primary Care Clinic model.

Additional information on Primary Care Clinics can be found at <http://primarycareclinics.ca/>

As of Apr 1, 2022

42,890

Nova Scotians

on the NAFP Registry are eligible to access care through Primary Care Clinics

VirtualCareNS

VirtualCareNS is a virtual primary care clinic for people on the Need a Family Practice Registry to access a primary care provider online. The program began as a pilot project in select communities in Northern and Western zones, and has since expanded across the province.

Additional information on VirtualCareNS can be found at <http://www.virtualcareNS.ca>

As of Apr 1, 2022

63,000

Nova Scotians

on the NAFP Registry have been invited to access care through VirtualCareNS

Approximately

19,058

Nova Scotians

have registered within the VirtualCareNS Program

For more information on the Need a Family Practice Registry visit <https://needafamilypractice.ca>

Total volumes and percent of the population not yet placed by zone, network, and cluster

Zone/Network/Cluster		Total # Not yet Placed	Difference vs Previous Month	Population (2016)	% of Population (2016)
Central	↑	30,314	1,963	423,498	7.2%
Bedford / Sackville	↑	8,630	603	99,581	8.7%
Bedford / Hammonds Plains	↑	3,446	162	40,679	8.5%
Fall River and Area	↑	988	70	15,424	6.4%
Sackville North and Area	↑	2,120	174	22,325	9.5%
Sackville South	↑	2,076	197	21,153	9.8%
Dartmouth / Southeastern	↑	6,611	469	116,491	5.7%
Cole Harbour / Eastern Passage	↑	1,966	168	35,355	5.6%
Dartmouth East	↑	1,177	86	23,264	5.1%
Dartmouth North	↑	1,427	63	19,833	7.2%
Dartmouth South	↑	1,686	124	27,284	6.2%
Preston/Lawrencetown/Lake Echo	↑	355	28	10,755	3.3%
Eastern Shore Musquodoboit	↑	866	57	17,474	5.0%
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Halifax Peninsula / Chebucto	↑	12,108	763	169,768	7.1%
Armdale / Spryfield / Herring Cove	↑	1,426	91	25,640	5.6%
Clayton Park	↑	2,360	153	34,194	6.9%
Fairview	↑	1,374	84	17,104	8.0%
Halifax Chebucto	↑	1,410	88	18,939	7.4%
Halifax Citadel	↑	2,262	119	22,106	10.2%
Halifax Needham	↑	1,651	125	19,426	8.5%
Sambro Rural Loop	↑	794	59	12,660	6.3%
Tantallon / Timberlea / SMB	↑	831	44	19,699	4.2%
West Hants	↑	2,099	71	20,184	10.4%
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Eastern	↑	10,107	314	158,936	6.4%
Antigonish and Guysborough	↑	928	84	26,926	3.4%
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Guysborough / Canso	↑	181	26	5,039	3.6%
Sherbrooke	↑	8	8	2,586	0.3%
Cape Breton County	↑	8,555	225	99,590	8.6%
Dominion / Glace Bay	↑	1,648	96	20,713	8.0%
Florence / Sydney Mines / North Sydney	↑	1,020	18	19,679	5.2%
New Waterford	↓	752	-11	9,454	8.0%
Sydney and Area	↑	5,135	122	49,744	10.3%
Inverness / Victoria / Richmond	↑	624	5	32,420	1.9%
Baddeck / Whycomomagh	↑	16	1	3,654	0.4%
Cheticamp	↓	1	0	3,903	0.0%
Dingwall	↓	0	0	2,567	0.0%
Inverness	↑	159	15	6,932	2.3%
Port Hawkesbury / L'Ardoise / Isle Madame	↓	448	-11	15,364	2.9%

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Northern	↑	20,517	185	147,500	13.9%
Colchester East Hants	↑	8,152	109	70,658	11.5%
East Hants Corridor	↓	684	-58	12,674	5.4%
Economy / Glenholme	↑	685	4	5,277	13.0%
Hants North	↑	557	3	6,945	8.0%
South Colchester	↑	868	35	10,792	8.0%
Truro and Area	↑	5,358	125	34,971	15.3%
Cumberland	↓	2,011	-114	33,094	6.1%
Amherst	↑	704	5	13,143	5.4%
Cumberland North / North Shore	↓	1,101	-4	8,665	12.7%
South Cumberland	↓	17	-80	3,864	0.4%
Springhill	↓	189	-35	7,422	2.5%
Pictou County	↑	10,354	190	43,748	23.7%
New Glasgow / Westville / Stellarton	↑	8,382	153	33,561	25.0%
Pictou West	↑	1,972	37	10,187	19.4%
Western	↑	27,417	37	193,664	14.2%
Annapolis and Kings	↓	11,047	-130	78,793	14.0%
Annapolis Royal	↑	653	13	6,056	10.8%
Berwick	↑	1,783	4	13,764	13.0%
Kentville	↓	2,000	-81	23,893	8.4%
Middleton	↓	5,417	-77	20,910	25.9%
Wolfville	↑	1,194	11	14,170	8.4%
Queens and Lunenburg	↑	7,413	21	57,933	12.8%
Bridgewater	↑	3,701	35	26,711	13.9%
Chester and Area	↓	922	-19	11,778	7.8%
Liverpool	↓	2,241	-16	10,351	21.7%
Lunenburg / Mahone Bay	↑	549	21	9,093	6.0%
Yarmouth / Shelburne / Digby	↑	8,957	146	56,938	15.7%
Digby / Clare / Weymouth	↑	3,208	55	18,553	17.3%
Shelburne / Lockeport	↓	1,001	-83	13,966	7.2%
Yarmouth	↑	4,748	174	24,419	19.4%
Unknown	↑	4	4	0	