

Finding a Primary Care Provider

in Nova Scotia - July 2022

As of Jul 1, 2022

100,592

Nova Scotians

are on the Need a Family Practice Registry

This represents

10.0%

of the population



Annual Population Estimates - Apr 1, 2022
Statistics Canada

Approximately

2,700 people

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

Monthly Activity

As reported in Jun 2022

2,856 people

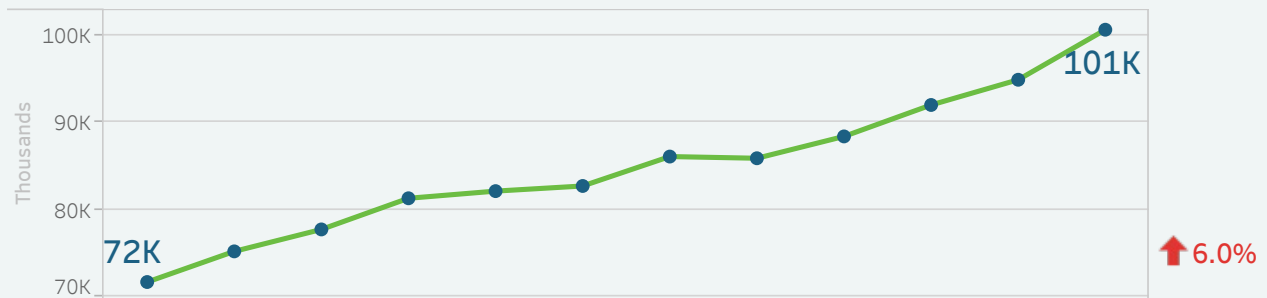
found a family practice

In Jun 2022

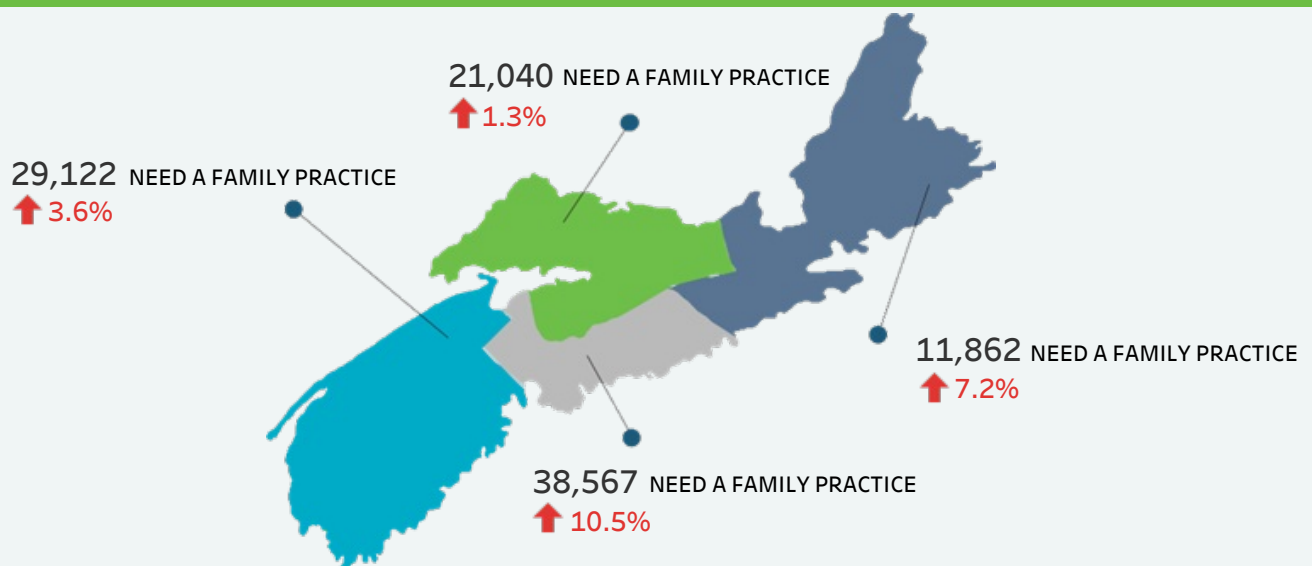
7,240 people

added their names to the registry

Number of people on the Need a Family Practice Registry Aug 2021 - Jul 2022



Total number of Nova Scotians by area and percent change

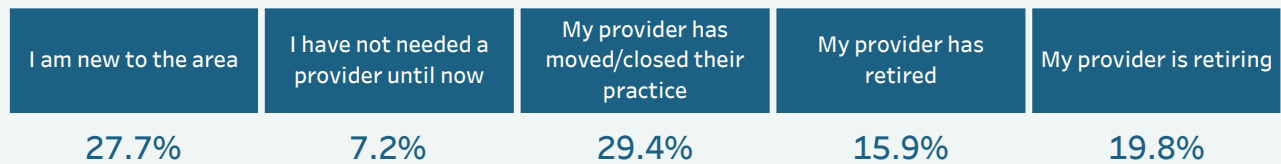


Reasons for Joining the Need a Family Practice Registry

Nova Scotians are asked to select their reason for joining the Need a Family Practice Registry from a list of options during their registration.

Monthly Activity

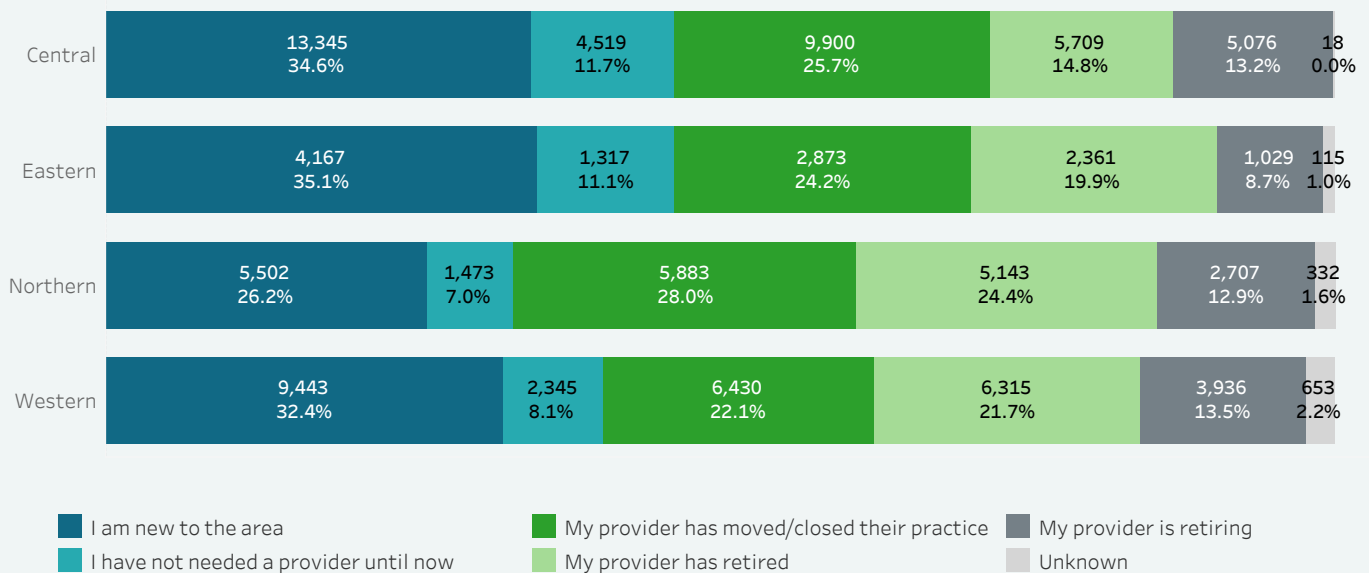
Reasons selected by the 7,240 Nova Scotians who joined the Need a Family Practice Registry in Jun 2022



Reasons for Joining by Zone - Jun 2022

	Central	Eastern	Northern	Western	Unknown	Total
I am new to the area	1,043	274	297	395		2,009
I have not needed a provider until now	292	51	70	106		519
My provider has moved/closed their practice	1,334	134	193	465	1	2,127
My provider has retired	655	178	104	215		1,152
My provider is retiring	528	186	125	594		1,433
Total	3,852	823	789	1,775	1	7,240

Total Nova Scotians by Zone and Reason for Joining



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 Jul 1, 2022

51,101

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 is continuing to expand across the rest of the province.

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

As of Jul 1, 2022

66,500

Nova Scotians

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

Approximately

22,834

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	% Difference vs Previous Month	Population (2021)	% of Population (2021)
Central	38,567	↑ 3,651	10.5%	480,983	8.0%
Bedford/Sackville	11,217	↑ 1,056	10.4%	113,772	9.9%
Bedford / Hammonds Plains	4,385	↑ 469	12.0%	46,405	9.4%
Fall River and Area	1,271	↑ 92	7.8%	18,813	6.8%
Sackville North and Area	2,847	↑ 272	10.6%	24,420	11.7%
Sackville South	2,714	↑ 223	9.0%	24,134	11.2%
Dartmouth/Southeastern	8,691	↑ 871	11.1%	132,439	6.6%
Cole Harbour / Eastern Passage	2,612	↑ 298	12.9%	39,871	6.6%
Dartmouth East	1,567	↑ 157	11.1%	26,542	5.9%
Dartmouth North	1,907	↑ 199	11.7%	22,628	8.4%
Dartmouth South	2,209	↑ 230	11.6%	31,128	7.1%
Preston/Lawrencetown/Lake Echo	396	↓ -13	-3.2%	12,270	3.2%
Eastern Shore Musquodoboit	993	↑ 52	5.5%	20,564	4.8%
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Halifax Peninsula/Chebucto	15,295	↑ 1,521	11.0%	193,692	7.9%
Armdale / Spryfield / Herring Cove	1,948	↑ 251	14.8%	29,253	6.7%
Clayton Park	2,958	↑ 314	11.9%	39,013	7.6%
Fairview	1,749	↑ 178	11.3%	19,514	9.0%
Halifax Chebucto	1,760	↑ 130	8.0%	21,608	8.1%
Halifax Citadel	2,663	↑ 177	7.1%	25,667	10.4%
Halifax Needham	2,073	↑ 245	13.4%	21,718	9.5%
Sambro Rural Loop	1,012	↑ 80	8.6%	14,444	7.0%
Tantallon / Timberlea / SMB	1,132	↑ 146	14.8%	22,475	5.0%
West Hants	2,371	↑ 151	6.8%	20,516	11.6%
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Eastern	11,862	↑ 795	7.2%	159,939	7.4%
Antigonish and Guysborough	1,118	↑ 121	12.1%	27,699	4.0%
Antigonish	916	↑ 87	10.5%	20,333	4.5%
Guysborough / Canso	173	↑ 17	10.9%	4,838	3.6%
Sherbrooke	29	↑ 17	141.7%	2,528	1.1%
Cape Breton County	9,514	↑ 483	5.3%	98,640	9.6%
Dominion / Glace Bay	1,807	↑ 105	6.2%	20,628	8.8%
Florence / Sydney Mines / North Sydney	1,112	↑ 27	2.5%	18,734	5.9%
New Waterford	1,123	↑ 223	24.8%	9,415	11.9%
Sydney and Area	5,472	↑ 128	2.4%	49,863	11.0%
Inverness/Victoria/Richmond	1,230	↑ 191	18.4%	33,600	3.7%
Baddeck / Whycocomagh	46	↑ 16	53.3%	4,575	1.0%
Cheticamp	23	↑ 1	4.5%	3,915	0.6%
Dingwall	9	↑ 5	125.0%	2,487	0.4%
Inverness	514	↑ 102	24.8%	7,069	7.3%
Port Hawkesbury / L'Ardoise / Isle Madame	638	↑ 67	11.7%	15,554	4.1%

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	% Difference vs Previous Month	Population (2021)	% of Population (2021)
Northern	21,040	↑ 274	1.3%	151,084	13.9%
Colchester East Hants	8,247	↑ 38	0.5%	73,174	11.3%
East Hants Corridor	719	↓ -12	-1.6%	12,936	5.6%
Economy / Glenholme	622	↓ -11	-1.7%	5,403	11.5%
Hants North	489	↓ -15	-3.0%	7,383	6.6%
South Colchester	918	↑ 6	0.7%	10,068	9.1%
Truro and Area	5,499	↑ 70	1.3%	37,384	14.7%
Cumberland	2,208	↑ 80	3.8%	33,497	6.6%
Amherst	767	↑ 42	5.8%	13,590	5.6%
Cumberland North / North Shore	1,156	↓ -7	-0.6%	8,667	13.3%
South Cumberland	82	↑ 30	57.7%	3,549	2.3%
Springhill	203	↑ 15	8.0%	7,691	2.6%
Pictou County	10,585	↑ 156	1.5%	44,413	23.8%
New Glasgow / Westville / Stellarton	8,503	↑ 109	1.3%	34,083	24.9%
Pictou West	2,082	↑ 47	2.3%	10,330	20.2%
Western	29,122	↑ 1,017	3.6%	200,049	14.6%
Annapolis and Kings	10,309	↓ -14	-0.1%	82,835	12.4%
Annapolis Royal	709	↑ 13	1.9%	6,352	11.2%
Berwick	1,776	↓ -5	-0.3%	14,405	12.3%
Kentville	1,858	↓ -52	-2.7%	25,137	7.4%
Middleton	4,785	↑ 36	0.8%	22,209	21.5%
Wolfville	1,181	↓ -6	-0.5%	14,732	8.0%
Queens and Lunenburg	8,302	↑ 448	5.7%	59,927	13.9%
Bridgewater	4,382	↑ 383	9.6%	27,829	15.7%
Chester and Area	1,128	↑ 149	15.2%	12,358	9.1%
Liverpool	2,194	↓ -145	-6.2%	10,425	21.0%
Lunenburg / Mahone Bay	598	↑ 61	11.4%	9,315	6.4%
Yarmouth/Shelburne/Digby	10,511	↑ 583	5.9%	57,287	18.3%
Digby / Clare / Weymouth	3,537	↓ -3	-0.1%	18,751	18.9%
Shelburne / Lockeport	1,201	↑ 190	18.8%	13,717	8.8%
Yarmouth	5,773	↑ 396	7.4%	24,819	23.3%
Unknown	1	→ 0	0.0%		