

FINDING A PRIMARY CARE PROVIDER IN NOVA SCOTIA

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INTRODUCTION

Background

Nova Scotia Health Authority’s Need a Family Practice (NAFP) registry was launched on November 1, 2016. The registry provides a coordinated and consistent provincial approach for tracking Nova Scotians who self identify as not having access to a primary care provider (family physician or nurse practitioner).

People can register themselves and their family members on the NAFP registry online or by telephone to be contacted by a participating practice/provider that is accepting new patients. There are two main ways that contribute to how we report the number of people who have found a primary care provider in Nova Scotia: (1) Through names that are on the NAFP Registry and; (2) names that are not on the NAFP Registry and are sent to NSHA through other routes.

 1. NSHA’s Need a Family Practice Registry	 2. Other Routes
People can register themselves and their family members on the Need a Family Practice (NAFP) Registry online or by telephone to be contacted by a participating practice/provider that is accepting new patients.	People can find a primary care provider in other ways, such as with local family practices, through a family member who is an existing patient of a practice, or through a referral by another provider. Information on the number of patients accepted by family doctors who received the patient attachment incentive since April 2018 is also included in the ‘Other Routes’ category.

The term **‘Found a Provider’** is used throughout the report to depict the approximate number of people in Nova Scotia who have found a primary care provider and were registered on the NAFP registry and through other routes as tracked by NSHA since November 2016. The term **‘Not Yet Placed’** is used to depict the number of NAFP registrants who are seeking a primary care provider and have added their names to the NAFP registry.

The report highlights the overall volume of people who have found a provider and who are not yet placed by geography (zone, network, and cluster), as well as by month, with data as of **April 25, 2019**.

Report Format

This report is divided into the following sections:

1. Total Provincial Volumes
2. Monthly Activity
3. Total Zonal Volumes – Found a Provider
4. Total Zonal Volumes – Not Yet Placed

1 | TOTAL PROVINCIAL VOLUMES



Total Provincial Volumes – Found a Primary Care Provider

- Over the month of April, 5,470 people found a primary care provider.
- The overall number of people in Nova Scotia who have found a primary care provider (NAFP registry and other routes) as tracked by NSHA since November 2016 is 86,272.



Total Provincial Volumes – Not Yet Placed

- As of the May 1, 2019 report, there were 52,585 registrants not yet placed with a family practice, which accounts for 5.7% of the total population in Nova Scotia (based on 2011 census data).
- This represents a 1.5% increase from the April 1, 2019 report where 51,802 registrants were not yet placed.

Figure 1 identifies the number of people in Nova Scotia who have found a primary care provider who were on the NAFP registry or identified through other routes as tracked by NSHA since November 2016.

Figure 1: Total Provincial Volumes - Found a Primary Care Provider by Month

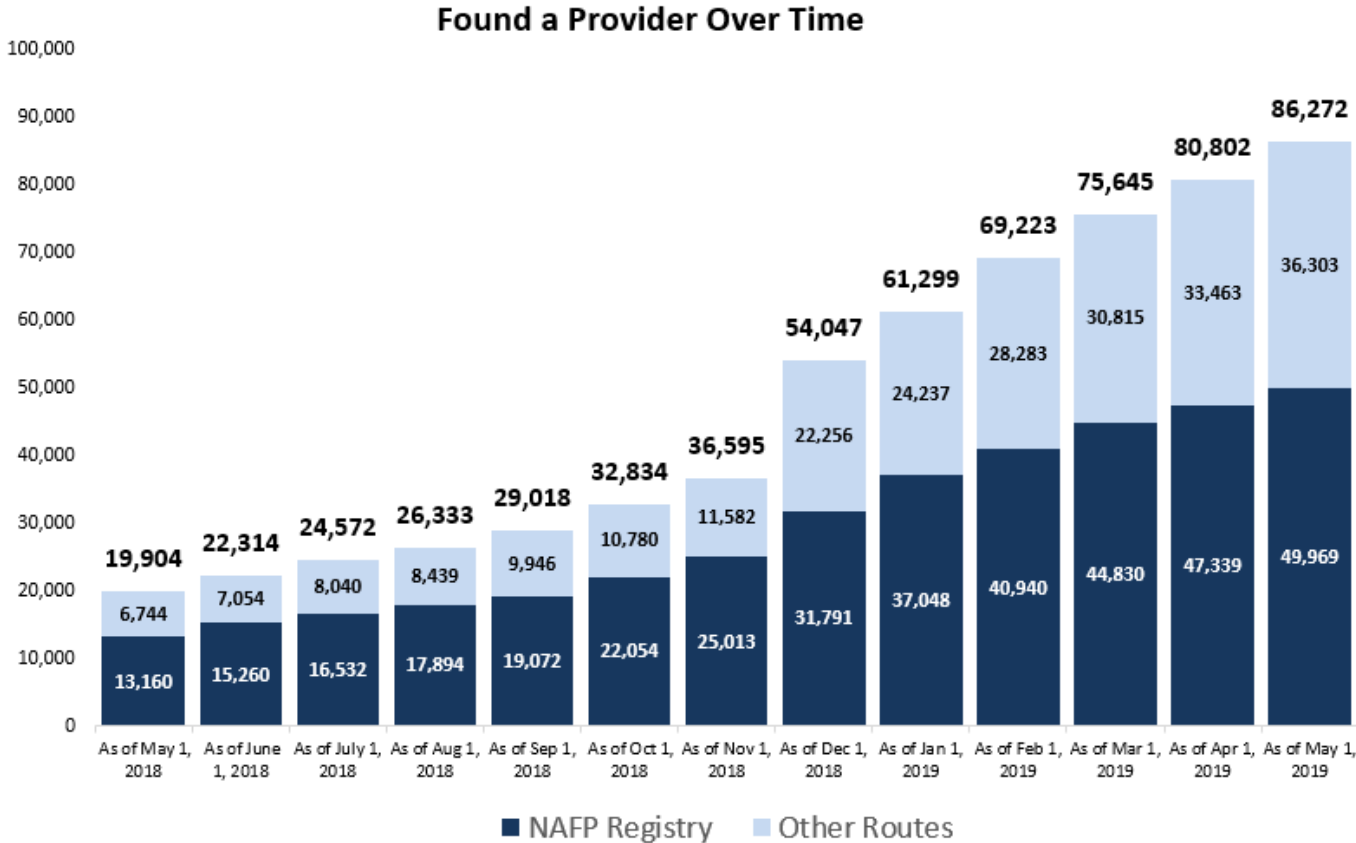
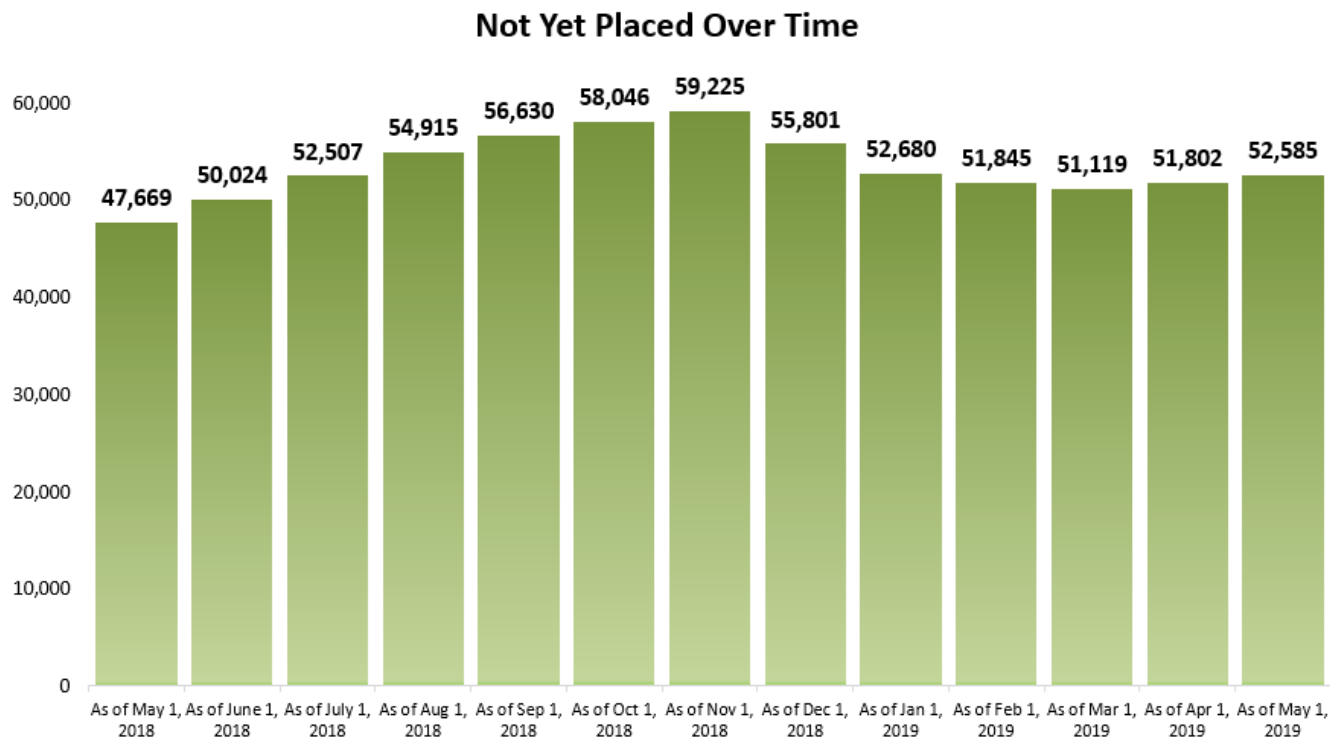


Figure 2 depicts the total number of registrants, by month, on the Need a Family Practice registry that are not yet placed with a family practice.

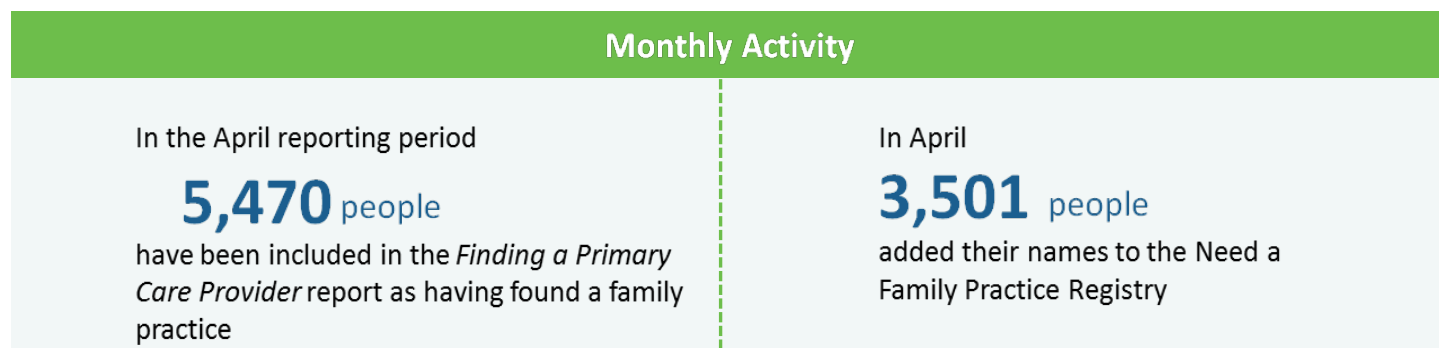
Figure 2: Total Provincial Volumes - Not Yet Placed by Month



2 | MONTHLY ACTIVITY

During the month of April, 5,470 people found a family doctor or nurse practitioner, and 3,501 people added their names to the Need a Family Practice registry as of May 1. Figure 3 highlights the overall monthly activity during the month of April 2019.


Figure 3: Provincial Volumes - Monthly Activity



Monthly Activity by Zone

Figure 4 provides a summary of the monthly activity that occurred between the April 1 report and the May 1 report.

Figure 4: Total Zonal Monthly Activity



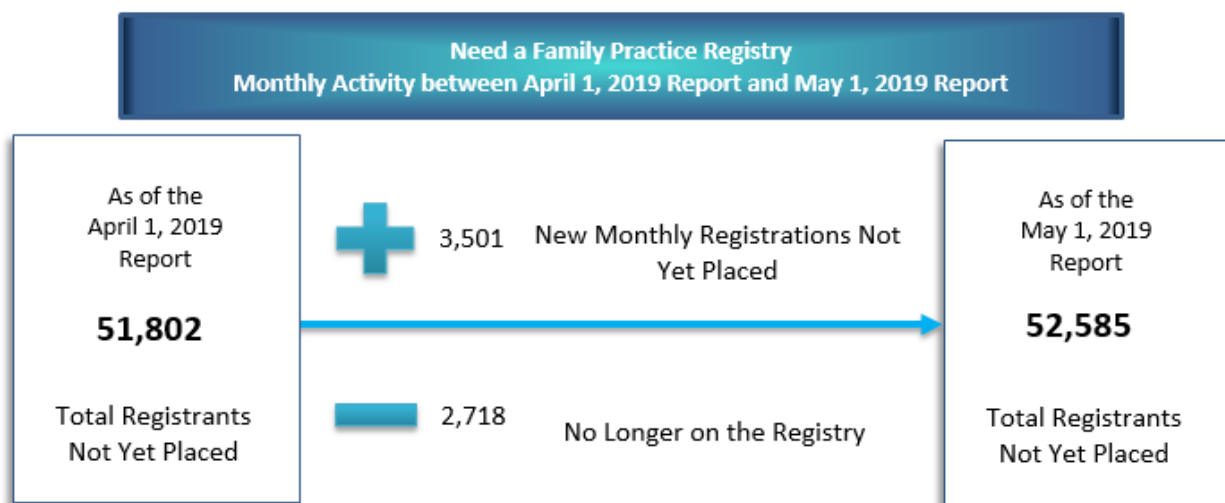
		Apr 1, 2019	May 1, 2019	% Change	May 1, 2019	May 1, 2019
Central Zone	Bedford /Sackville, Dartmouth / Southeastern, Eastern Shore Musquodoboit, Halifax Peninsula / Chebucto, and West Hants	20,333	19,754	-2.8%	4.8%	42,094
Eastern Zone	Antigonish and Guysborough, Cape Breton County, and Inverness / Victoria / Richmond	4,101	4,108	0.2%	2.5%	16,238
Northern Zone	Colchester, Cumberland, and Pictou County	9,471	10,057	6.2%	6.7%	11,877
Western Zone	Annapolis and Kings, Queens and Lunenburg and Yarmouth / Shelburne / Digby	17,879	18,647	4.3%	9.5%	15,910
Unknown Geography	Unknown Geography	18	19	-	-	153
NOVA SCOTIA	TOTAL ACROSS NOVA SCOTIA	51,802	52,585	1.5%	5.7%	86,272

*Not yet placed percent of the population relative to the geography’s population (i.e., zone)

Monthly Registry Activity

Specific to the NAFP registry during the month of April, 3,501 new registrations occurred (people who need a family practice) and 2,718 registrants were removed from the registry. People are removed from the registry because they were assisted with finding a family practice or for other reasons, such as already having found a provider when contacted by NSHA or having a duplicate registration. Figure 5 highlights the overall activity in the NAFP registry during the month of April 2019.

Figure 5: Monthly NAFP Registry Activity

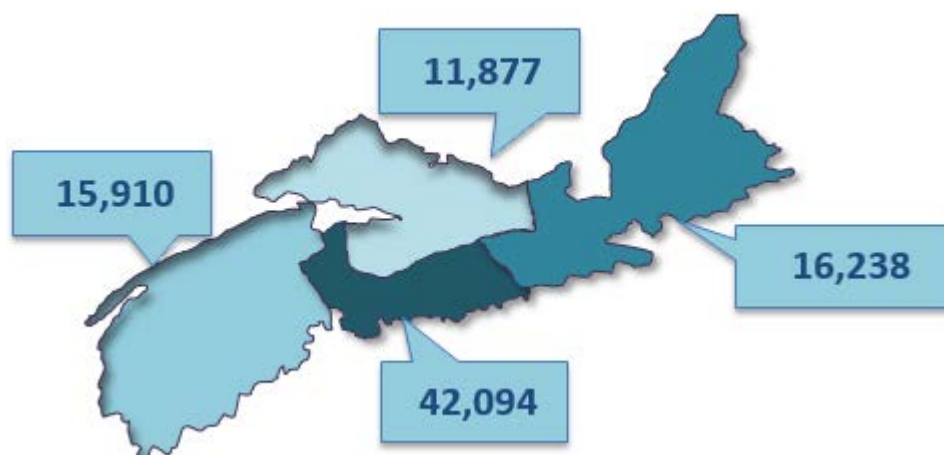


The registry is dynamic, with registrants being added and removed each day. Figure 5 is a simplified graphic that compares two snapshots, one month apart. It depicts the change in the registry total, showing the number of those who have newly registered in the past month, minus the number of people who were no longer on the registry, which is a total of the number of registrants who found a provider and those who have been removed from the registry for other reasons.

3 | TOTAL ZONAL VOLUMES: FOUND A PRIMARY CARE PROVIDER

As of May 1, 86,272 Nova Scotians have found a primary care provider who were registered on the NAFP registry or identified through other routes as tracked by NSHA, since November 2016. Figure 6 depicts the breakdown of individuals, by zone, that have found a provider.

Figure 6: Total Zonal Volumes - Found a Primary Care Provider



*Note: 153 have an unknown zone

Table 1 provides the geographic breakdown of the number of people by zone, network, and cluster that found a primary care provider as reported through the NAFP registry or other routes tracked by NSHA, since November 2016.

Table 1: Total Zone, Network, and Cluster Volumes - Found a Primary Care Provider – May 1, 2019 Report

Total Zone, Network, and Cluster Volumes - Found a Primary Care Provider – May 1, 2019 Report	
Zone/Network/Cluster	Total # Found a Provider
Central	42,094
Bedford / Sackville	6,184
Bedford / Hammonds Plains	2,847
Fall River / Waverley	752
Sackville North / Beaverbank / Mount Uniacke	1,326
Sackville South	1,259
Dartmouth / Southeastern	12,437
Cole Harbour / Eastern Passage	2,917

Total Zone, Network, and Cluster Volumes - Found a Primary Care Provider – May 1, 2019 Report	
Zone/Network/Cluster	Total # Found a Provider
Dartmouth East	3,662
Dartmouth North	2,284
Dartmouth South	2,695
Preston / Lawrencetown / Lake Echo	879
Eastern Shore Musquodoboit	2,197
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Halifax Peninsula / Chebucto	15,165
Armdale / Spryfield / Herring Cove	2,189
Clayton Park	3,305
Fairview	1,739
Halifax Chebucto	1,610
Halifax Citadel	1,644
Halifax Needham	1,895
Sambro Loop Area	788
Tantallon / Timberlea / St.Margaret's Bay	1,995
West Hants	6,111
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Eastern	16,238
Antigonish and Guysborough	634
Antigonish	501
Guysborough / Canso	96
Sherbrooke	37
Cape Breton County	11,857
Dominion / Glace Bay	2,100
Florence / Sydney Mines / North Sydney	2,222
New Waterford	1,564
Sydney	5,971
Inverness / Victoria / Richmond	3,747
Baddeck / Whycomomagh	1,703
Cheticamp	572
Dingwall	29
Inverness	255
Port Hawkesbury / Isle Madame / L'Ardoise	1,188
Northern	11,877
Colchester East Hants	6,244
East Hants Corridor	284
Economy / Glenholme	102
Hants North	424
South Colchester	287
Truro and Area	5,147
Cumberland	1,728
Amherst	264
North Cumberland / North Shore	669

Total Zone, Network, and Cluster Volumes - Found a Primary Care Provider – May 1, 2019 Report	
Zone/Network/Cluster	Total # Found a Provider
South Cumberland	191
Springhill	604
Pictou County	3,905
New Glasgow / Westville / Stellarton	2,290
Pictou West	1,615
Western	15,910
Annapolis and Kings	6,662
Annapolis Royal	167
Berwick	632
Kentville	2,847
Middleton	1,987
Wolfville	1,029
Queens and Lunenburg	5,176
Bridgewater	1,763
Chester	1,309
Liverpool	1,515
Lunenburg / Mahone Bay	589
Yarmouth / Shelburne / Digby	4,072
Digby / Clare / Weymouth	1,269
Shelburne / Lockeport	1,118
Yarmouth	1,685
Unknown	153
Total Found a Provider	86,272

4 | TOTAL ZONAL VOLUMES – NOT YET PLACED

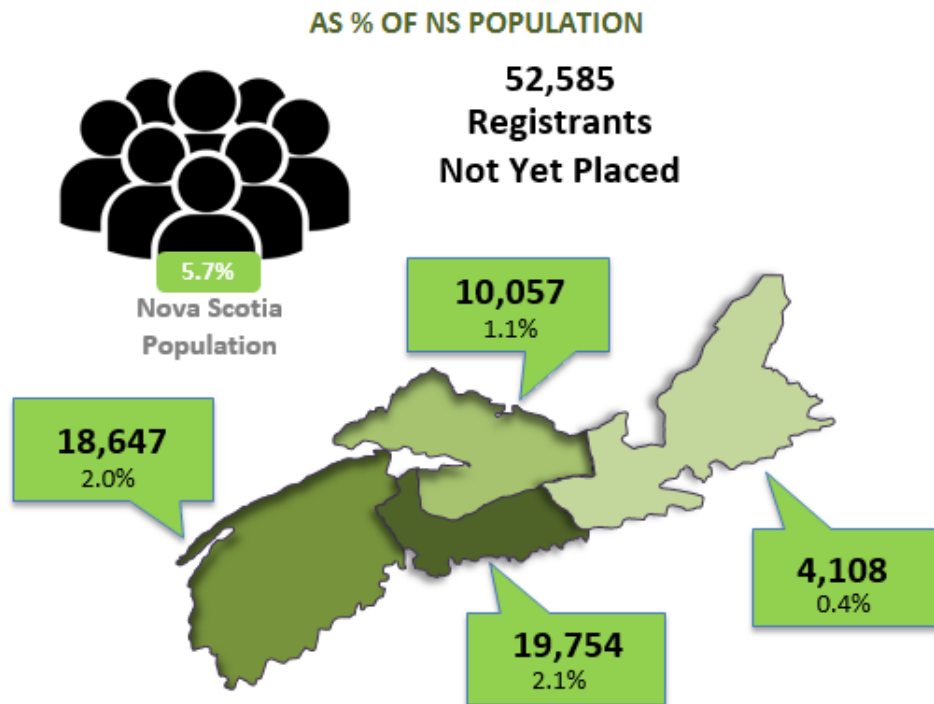
There are 52,585 registrants not yet placed with a family practice as of the May 1 report. The total volumes by zone* are:

- Central Zone: 19,754 registrations
- Eastern Zone: 4,108 registrations
- Northern Zone: 10,057 registrations
- Western Zone: 18,647 registrations

*Note: 19 have an unknown zone

Figure 7 gives a high-level overview of the volume of NAFP registrants who are not yet placed, by zone, as a percent of the total Nova Scotia population based on 2011 census counts.

Figure 7: Total Zonal Volumes - Not Yet Placed as a Percent of the Total Nova Scotia Population



*Note: 19 have an unknown zone

Table 2 gives a detailed geographical breakdown of the volume of registrants not yet placed by zone, network, and cluster and as a percent of the corresponding Nova Scotia population by zone, network, and cluster.

Table 2: Total Volumes Not Yet Placed by Zone, Network, and Cluster and as Percent of Population by Zone, Network, and Cluster

Total Zone, Network, and Cluster Volumes – Not Yet Placed – May 1, 2019 Report			
Zone/Network/Cluster	Total # Not Yet Placed	Population by Zone, Network, Cluster (2011)	% of Population by Zone, Network, Cluster (2011)
Central	19,754	409,706	4.8%
Bedford / Sackville	3,615	87,838	4.1%
Bedford / Hammonds Plains	1,574	30,109	5.2%
Fall River / Waverley	406	13,994	2.9%
Sackville North / Beaverbank / Mount Uniacke	919	22,356	4.1%
Sackville South	716	21,379	3.3%
Dartmouth / Southeastern	5,684	115,427	4.9%
Cole Harbour / Eastern Passage	1,739	36,902	4.7%
Dartmouth East	989	23,616	4.2%
Dartmouth North	1,150	19,238	6.0%
Dartmouth South	1,445	24,719	5.8%
Preston / Lawrencetown / Lake Echo	361	10,952	3.3%
Eastern Shore Musquodoboit	533	18,165	2.9%
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Halifax Peninsula / Chebucto	9,273	167,379	5.5%
Armdale / Spryfield / Herring Cove	1,184	23,502	5.0%
Clayton Park	2,558	34,439	7.4%
Fairview	983	15,789	6.2%
Halifax Chebucto	1,138	18,764	6.1%
Halifax Citadel	1,384	20,055	6.9%
Halifax Needham	1,201	20,192	5.9%
Sambro Loop Area	419	13,408	3.1%
Tantallon / Timberlea / St.Margaret's Bay	406	21,230	1.9%
West Hants	649	20,897	3.1%
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Eastern	4,108	163,450	2.5%
Antigonish and Guysborough	322	27,548	1.2%
Antigonish	289	19,583	1.5%
Guysborough / Canso	27	5,122	0.5%
Sherbrooke	6	2,843	0.2%
Cape Breton County	3,317	102,397	3.2%
Dominion / Glace Bay	840	21,782	3.9%
Florence / Sydney Mines / North Sydney	692	19,870	3.5%
New Waterford	645	9,757	6.6%
Sydney	1,140	50,988	2.2%
Inverness / Victoria / Richmond	469	33,505	1.4%
Baddeck / Whycomomagh	11	5,382	0.2%

Total Zone, Network, and Cluster Volumes – Not Yet Placed – May 1, 2019 Report			
Zone/Network/Cluster	Total # Not Yet Placed	Population by Zone, Network, Cluster (2011)	% of Population by Zone, Network, Cluster (2011)
Cheticamp	<5	4,688	0.1%
Inverness	20	4,667	0.4%
Port Hawkesbury / Isle Madame / L'Ardoise	435	16,035	2.7%
Dingwall	<5	2,733	0.0%
Northern	10,057	150,409	6.7%
Colchester East Hants	5,341	69,991	7.6%
East Hants Corridor	722	12,860	5.6%
Economy / Glenholme	188	5,078	3.7%
Hants North	462	6,613	7.0%
South Colchester	286	10,001	2.9%
Truro and Area	3,683	35,439	10.4%
Cumberland	1,138	34,750	3.3%
Amherst	315	14,819	2.1%
North Cumberland / North Shore	602	8,395	7.2%
South Cumberland	72	4,311	1.7%
Springhill	149	7,225	2.1%
Pictou County	3,578	45,668	7.8%
New Glasgow / Westville / Stellarton	2,929	34,916	8.4%
Pictou West	649	10,752	6.0%
Western	18,647	196,284	9.5%
Annapolis and Kings	9,144	78,507	11.6%
Annapolis Royal	889	6,026	14.8%
Berwick	2,274	13,161	17.3%
Kentville	1,525	24,944	6.1%
Middleton	4,024	21,022	19.1%
Wolfville	432	13,354	3.2%
Queens and Lunenburg	5,282	59,384	8.9%
Bridgewater	2,630	28,417	9.3%
Chester	865	12,271	7.0%
Liverpool	911	10,908	8.4%
Lunenburg / Mahone Bay	876	7,788	11.2%
Yarmouth / Shelburne / Digby	4,221	58,393	7.2%
Digby / Clare / Weymouth	2,305	18,899	12.2%
Shelburne / Lockeport	577	14,506	4.0%
Yarmouth	1,339	24,988	5.4%
Unknown	19	-	0.0%
Total # Not Yet Placed	52,585	919,849	5.7%

