

# Finding a Primary Care Provider

## in Nova Scotia - November 2022

As of Nov 1, 2022

### 120,409

**Nova Scotians**

are on the Need a Family Practice Registry

This represents

### 11.8%

of the population



Annual Population Estimates - Jul 1, 2022  
Statistics Canada

Approximately

### 3,000 people

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

### Monthly Activity

As reported in Oct 2022

### 2,205 people

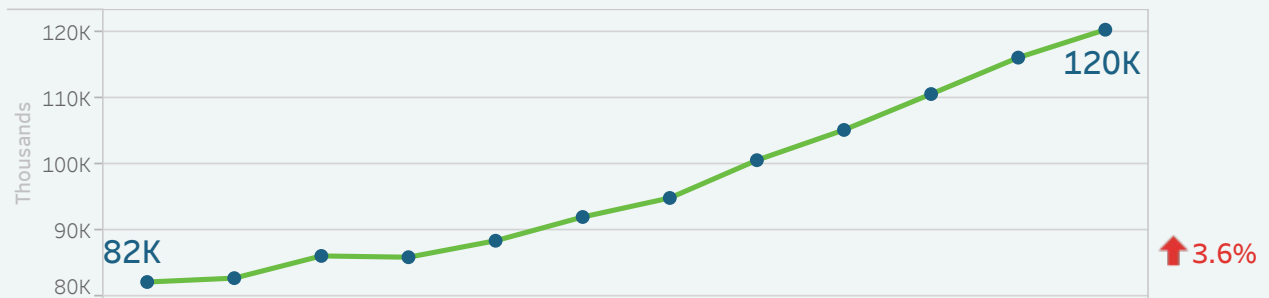
were removed from the registry

In Oct 2022

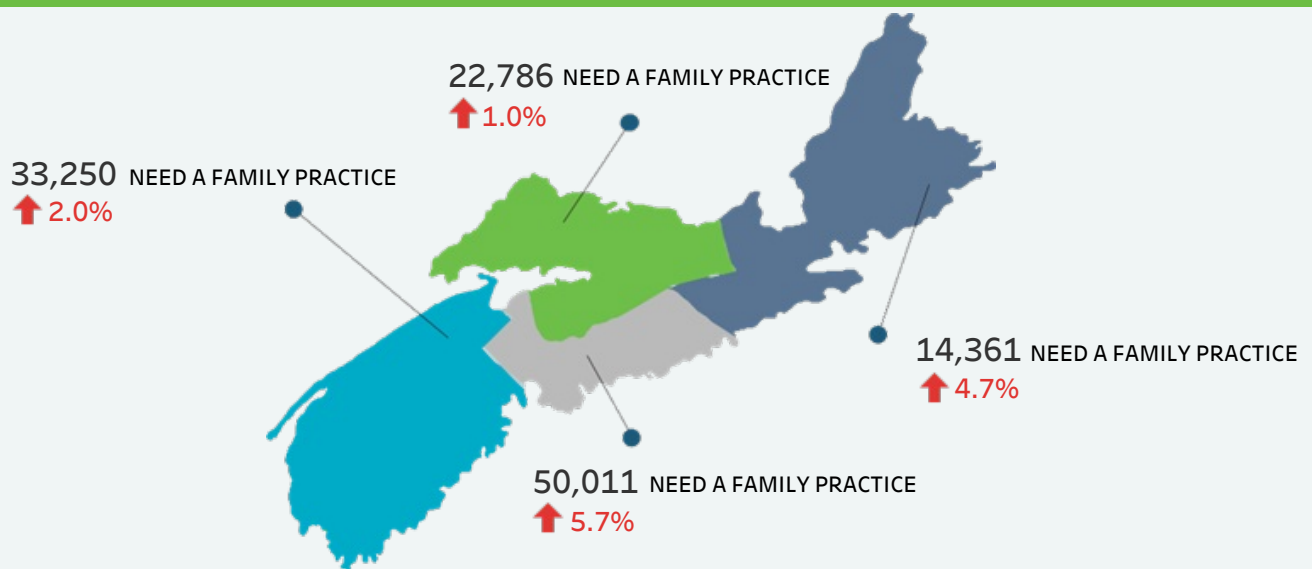
### 6,440 people

added their names to the registry

Number of people on the Need a Family Practice Registry Dec 2021 - Nov 2022



Total number of Nova Scotians by area and percent change

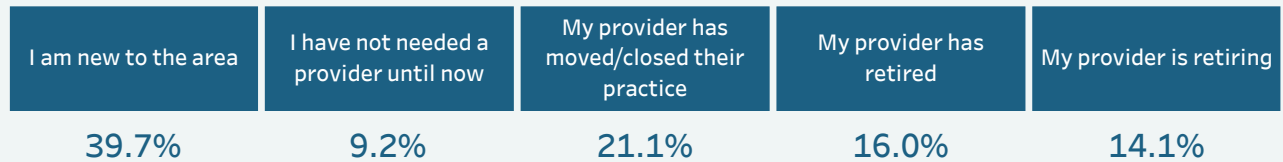


# Reasons for Joining the Need a Family Practice Registry

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

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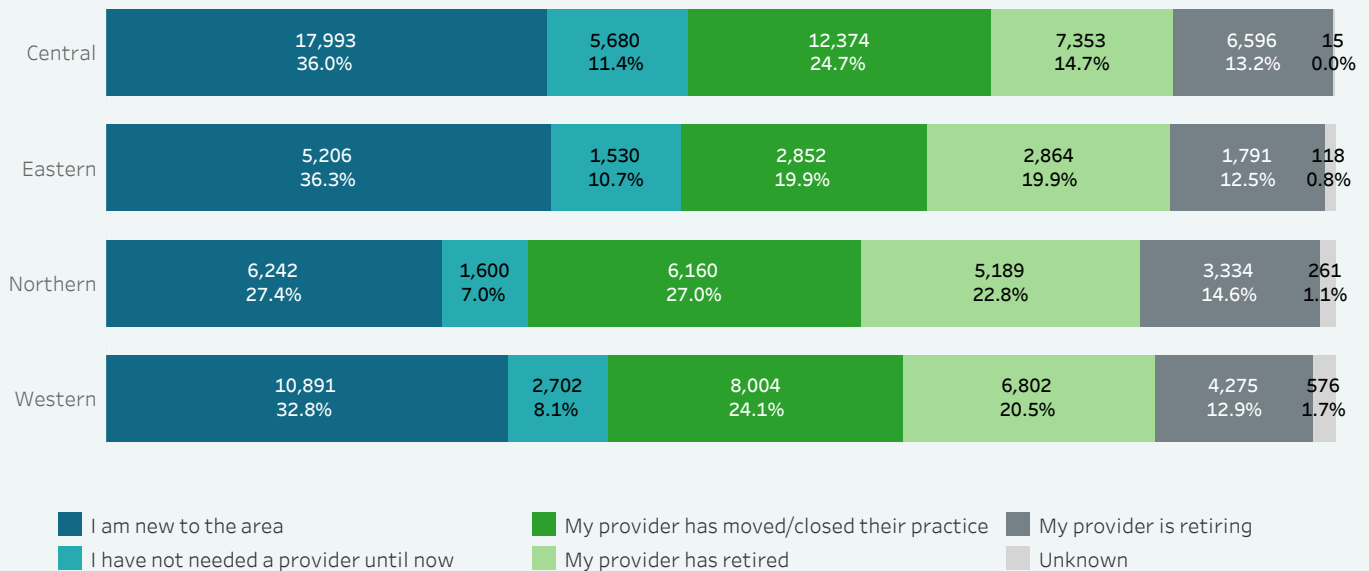
Reasons selected by the 6,440 Nova Scotians who joined the Need a Family Practice Registry in Oct 2022



## Reasons for Joining by Zone - Oct 2022

	Central	Eastern	Northern	Western	Unknown	Null	Total
I am new to the area	1,503	275	250	526			2,554
I have not needed a provider until now	360	65	62	104			591
My provider has moved/closed their practice	822	47	126	361	1		1,357
My provider has retired	453	177	143	258			1,031
My provider is retiring	576	144	115	71			906
Unknown				1			1
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,714</b>	<b>708</b>	<b>696</b>	<b>1,321</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>6,440</b>

## 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 Nov 1, 2022

**81,607**

**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 Nov 1, 2022

**100%**

**of Nova Scotians**

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

Approximately

**42,822**

**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)
<b>Central</b>	50,011	↑ 2,706	5.7%	480,983	10.4%
<b>Bedford/Sackville</b>	14,693	↑ 861	6.2%	113,772	12.9%
Bedford / Hammonds Plains	5,987	↑ 408	7.3%	46,405	12.9%
Fall River and Area	1,623	↑ 78	5.0%	18,813	8.6%
Sackville North and Area	3,675	↑ 182	5.2%	24,420	15.0%
Sackville South	3,408	↑ 193	6.0%	24,134	14.1%
<b>Dartmouth/Southeastern</b>	11,699	↑ 629	5.7%	132,439	8.8%
Cole Harbour / Eastern Passage	3,566	↑ 171	5.0%	39,871	8.9%
Dartmouth East	2,117	↑ 127	6.4%	26,542	8.0%
Dartmouth North	2,501	↑ 114	4.8%	22,628	11.1%
Dartmouth South	3,007	↑ 173	6.1%	31,128	9.7%
Preston/Lawrencetown/Lake Echo	508	↑ 44	9.5%	12,270	4.1%
<b>Eastern Shore Musquodoboit</b>	1,252	↑ 61	5.1%	20,564	6.1%
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<b>Halifax Peninsula/Chebucto</b>	19,963	↑ 1,079	5.7%	193,692	10.3%
Armdale / Spryfield / Herring Cove	2,631	↑ 116	4.6%	29,253	9.0%
Clayton Park	4,054	↑ 307	8.2%	39,013	10.4%
Fairview	2,213	↑ 142	6.9%	19,514	11.3%
Halifax Chebucto	2,041	↓ -40	-1.9%	21,608	9.4%
Halifax Citadel	3,430	↑ 209	6.5%	25,667	13.4%
Halifax Needham	2,680	↑ 142	5.6%	21,718	12.3%
Sambro Rural Loop	1,300	↑ 73	5.9%	14,444	9.0%
Tantallon / Timberlea / SMB	1,614	↑ 130	8.8%	22,475	7.2%
<b>West Hants</b>	2,404	↑ 76	3.3%	20,516	11.7%
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<b>Eastern</b>	14,361	↑ 649	4.7%	159,939	9.0%
<b>Antigonish and Guysborough</b>	1,815	↑ 148	8.9%	27,699	6.6%
Antigonish	1,568	↑ 141	9.9%	20,333	7.7%
Guysborough / Canso	235	↑ 19	8.8%	4,838	4.9%
Sherbrooke	12	↓ -12	-50.0%	2,528	0.5%
<b>Cape Breton County</b>	10,751	↑ 354	3.4%	98,640	10.9%
Dominion / Glace Bay	1,767	↑ 74	4.4%	20,628	8.6%
Florence / Sydney Mines / North Sydney	1,591	↑ 151	10.5%	18,734	8.5%
New Waterford	1,338	↑ 19	1.4%	9,415	14.2%
Sydney and Area	6,055	↑ 110	1.9%	49,863	12.1%
<b>Inverness/Victoria/Richmond</b>	1,795	↑ 147	8.9%	33,600	5.3%
Baddeck / Whycocomagh	79	↑ 9	12.9%	4,575	1.7%
Cheticamp	54	↑ 3	5.9%	3,915	1.4%
Dingwall	19	↑ 3	18.8%	2,487	0.8%
Inverness	718	↑ 60	9.1%	7,069	10.2%
Port Hawkesbury / L'Ardoise / Isle Madame	925	↑ 72	8.4%	15,554	5.9%

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<b>Northern</b>	22,786	↑ 231	1.0%	151,084	15.1%
<b>Colchester East Hants</b>	9,349	↑ 168	1.8%	73,174	12.8%
East Hants Corridor	1,283	↑ 112	9.6%	12,936	9.9%
Economy / Glenholme	637	↑ 7	1.1%	5,403	11.8%
Hants North	563	↓ -25	-4.3%	7,383	7.6%
South Colchester	1,097	↑ 39	3.7%	10,068	10.9%
Truro and Area	5,769	↑ 35	0.6%	37,384	15.4%
<b>Cumberland</b>	2,628	↑ 19	0.7%	33,497	7.8%
Amherst	1,199	↑ 88	7.9%	13,590	8.8%
Cumberland North / North Shore	930	↓ -106	-10.2%	8,667	10.7%
South Cumberland	179	↑ 24	15.5%	3,549	5.0%
Springhill	320	↑ 13	4.2%	7,691	4.2%
<b>Pictou County</b>	10,809	↑ 44	0.4%	44,413	24.3%
New Glasgow / Westville / Stellarton	8,616	↑ 26	0.3%	34,083	25.3%
Pictou West	2,193	↑ 18	0.8%	10,330	21.2%
<b>Western</b>	33,250	↑ 650	2.0%	200,049	16.6%
<b>Annapolis and Kings</b>	11,849	↑ 185	1.6%	82,835	14.3%
Annapolis Royal	791	↑ 5	0.6%	6,352	12.5%
Berwick	1,999	↑ 18	0.9%	14,405	13.9%
Kentville	2,623	↑ 105	4.2%	25,137	10.4%
Middleton	4,955	↑ 7	0.1%	22,209	22.3%
Wolfville	1,481	↑ 50	3.5%	14,732	10.1%
<b>Queens and Lunenburg</b>	9,392	↑ 231	2.5%	59,927	15.7%
Bridgewater	5,023	↑ 162	3.3%	27,829	18.0%
Chester and Area	1,654	↑ 117	7.6%	12,358	13.4%
Liverpool	1,953	↓ -86	-4.2%	10,425	18.7%
Lunenburg / Mahone Bay	762	↑ 38	5.2%	9,315	8.2%
<b>Yarmouth/Shelburne/Digby</b>	12,009	↑ 234	2.0%	57,287	21.0%
Digby / Clare / Weymouth	4,090	↑ 207	5.3%	18,751	21.8%
Shelburne / Lockeport	1,658	↑ 80	5.1%	13,717	12.1%
Yarmouth	6,261	↓ -53	-0.8%	24,819	25.2%
<b>Unknown</b>	1	↓ -1	-50.0%		