

# Finding a Primary Care Provider

## in Nova Scotia - October 2022

As of Oct 1, 2022

### 116,174

**Nova Scotians**

are on the Need a Family Practice Registry

This represents

### 11.4%

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 Sep 2022

### 1,881 people

were removed from the registry

In Sep 2022

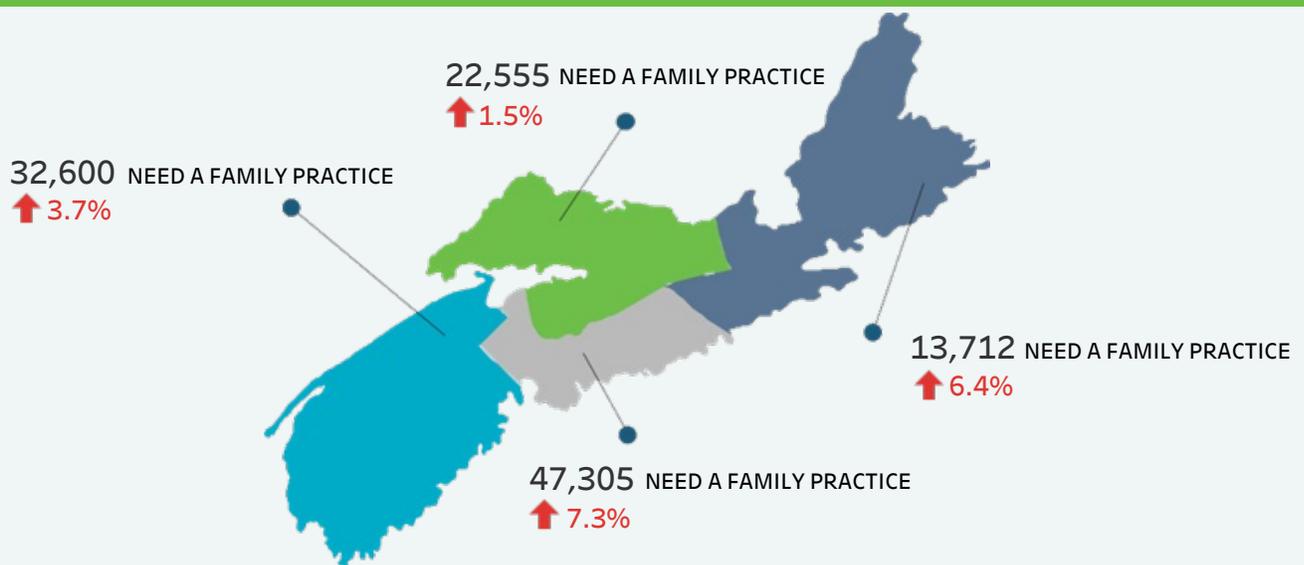
### 7,415 people

added their names to the registry

Number of people on the Need a Family Practice Registry Nov 2021 - Oct 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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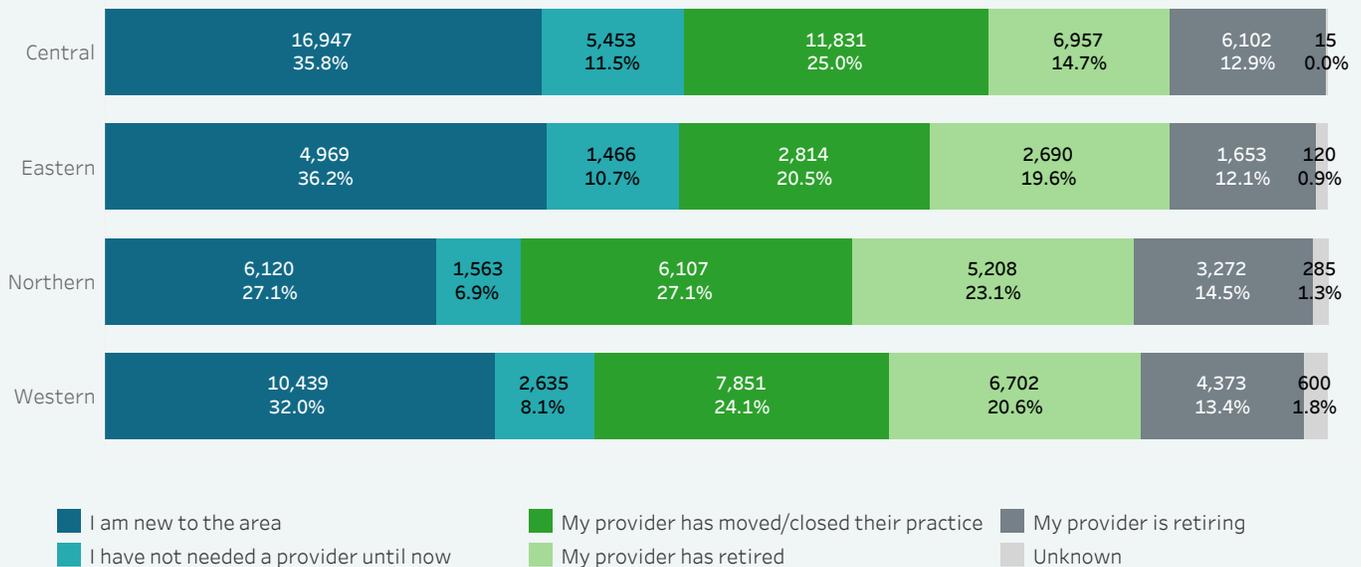
Reasons selected by the 7,415 Nova Scotians who joined the Need a Family Practice Registry in Sep 2022



## Reasons for Joining by Zone - Sep 2022

	Central	Eastern	Northern	Western	Unknown	Null	Total
I am new to the area	1,522	306	311	552			2,691
I have not needed a provider until now	442	74	42	143			701
My provider has moved/closed their practice	997	68	169	496			1,730
My provider has retired	541	142	176	257			1,116
My provider is retiring	538	275	195	167			1,175
Unknown		2					2
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,040</b>	<b>867</b>	<b>893</b>	<b>1,615</b>			<b>7,415</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 Oct 1, 2022

**81,348**

**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 Oct 1, 2022

**100%**

**of Nova Scotians**

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

Approximately

**38,883**

**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>	47,305	↑ 3,230	7.3%	480,983	9.8%
<b>Bedford/Sackville</b>	13,832	↑ 1,150	9.1%	113,772	12.2%
Bedford / Hammonds Plains	5,579	↑ 470	9.2%	46,405	12.0%
Fall River and Area	1,545	↑ 104	7.2%	18,813	8.2%
Sackville North and Area	3,493	↑ 310	9.7%	24,420	14.3%
Sackville South	3,215	↑ 266	9.0%	24,134	13.3%
<b>Dartmouth/Southeastern</b>	11,070	↑ 852	8.3%	132,439	8.4%
Cole Harbour / Eastern Passage	3,395	↑ 254	8.1%	39,871	8.5%
Dartmouth East	1,990	↑ 137	7.4%	26,542	7.5%
Dartmouth North	2,387	↑ 166	7.5%	22,628	10.5%
Dartmouth South	2,834	↑ 231	8.9%	31,128	9.1%
Preston/Lawrencetown/Lake Echo	464	↑ 64	16.0%	12,270	3.8%
<b>Eastern Shore Musquodoboit</b>	1,191	↑ 89	8.1%	20,564	5.8%
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<b>Halifax Peninsula/Chebucto</b>	18,884	↑ 1,094	6.1%	193,692	9.7%
Armdale / Spryfield / Herring Cove	2,515	↑ 169	7.2%	29,253	8.6%
Clayton Park	3,747	↑ 263	7.5%	39,013	9.6%
Fairview	2,071	↑ 112	5.7%	19,514	10.6%
Halifax Chebucto	2,081	↑ 62	3.1%	21,608	9.6%
Halifax Citadel	3,221	↑ 167	5.5%	25,667	12.5%
Halifax Needham	2,538	↑ 155	6.5%	21,718	11.7%
Sambro Rural Loop	1,227	↑ 71	6.1%	14,444	8.5%
Tantallon / Timberlea / SMB	1,484	↑ 95	6.8%	22,475	6.6%
<b>West Hants</b>	2,328	↑ 45	2.0%	20,516	11.3%
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<b>Eastern</b>	13,712	↑ 826	6.4%	159,939	8.6%
<b>Antigonish and Guysborough</b>	1,667	↑ 192	13.0%	27,699	6.0%
Antigonish	1,427	↑ 175	14.0%	20,333	7.0%
Guysborough / Canso	216	↑ 21	10.8%	4,838	4.5%
Sherbrooke	24	↓ -4	-14.3%	2,528	0.9%
<b>Cape Breton County</b>	10,397	↑ 476	4.8%	98,640	10.5%
Dominion / Glace Bay	1,693	↑ 50	3.0%	20,628	8.2%
Florence / Sydney Mines / North Sydney	1,440	↑ 165	12.9%	18,734	7.7%
New Waterford	1,319	↑ 59	4.7%	9,415	14.0%
Sydney and Area	5,945	↑ 202	3.5%	49,863	11.9%
<b>Inverness/Victoria/Richmond</b>	1,648	↑ 158	10.6%	33,600	4.9%
Baddeck / Whycocomagh	70	↑ 7	11.1%	4,575	1.5%
Cheticamp	51	↑ 17	50.0%	3,915	1.3%
Dingwall	16	↑ 1	6.7%	2,487	0.6%
Inverness	658	↑ 57	9.5%	7,069	9.3%
Port Hawkesbury / L'Ardoise / Isle Madame	853	↑ 76	9.8%	15,554	5.5%

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<b>Northern</b>	22,555	↑ 324	1.5%	151,084	14.9%
<b>Colchester East Hants</b>	9,181	↑ 339	3.8%	73,174	12.5%
East Hants Corridor	1,171	↑ 189	19.2%	12,936	9.1%
Economy / Glenholme	630	↑ 15	2.4%	5,403	11.7%
Hants North	588	↑ 52	9.7%	7,383	8.0%
South Colchester	1,058	↑ 61	6.1%	10,068	10.5%
Truro and Area	5,734	↑ 22	0.4%	37,384	15.3%
<b>Cumberland</b>	2,609	↑ 13	0.5%	33,497	7.8%
Amherst	1,111	↑ 103	10.2%	13,590	8.2%
Cumberland North / North Shore	1,036	↓ -146	-12.4%	8,667	12.0%
South Cumberland	155	↑ 19	14.0%	3,549	4.4%
Springhill	307	↑ 37	13.7%	7,691	4.0%
<b>Pictou County</b>	10,765	↓ -28	-0.3%	44,413	24.2%
New Glasgow / Westville / Stellarton	8,590	↓ -51	-0.6%	34,083	25.2%
Pictou West	2,175	↑ 23	1.1%	10,330	21.1%
<b>Western</b>	32,600	↑ 1,153	3.7%	200,049	16.3%
<b>Annapolis and Kings</b>	11,664	↑ 376	3.3%	82,835	14.1%
Annapolis Royal	786	↑ 41	5.5%	6,352	12.4%
Berwick	1,981	↑ 67	3.5%	14,405	13.8%
Kentville	2,518	↑ 142	6.0%	25,137	10.0%
Middleton	4,948	↑ 54	1.1%	22,209	22.3%
Wolfville	1,431	↑ 72	5.3%	14,732	9.7%
<b>Queens and Lunenburg</b>	9,161	↑ 402	4.6%	59,927	15.3%
Bridgewater	4,861	↑ 186	4.0%	27,829	17.5%
Chester and Area	1,537	↑ 107	7.5%	12,358	12.4%
Liverpool	2,039	↑ 52	2.6%	10,425	19.6%
Lunenburg / Mahone Bay	724	↑ 57	8.5%	9,315	7.8%
<b>Yarmouth/Shelburne/Digby</b>	11,775	↑ 375	3.3%	57,287	20.6%
Digby / Clare / Weymouth	3,883	↑ 16	0.4%	18,751	20.7%
Shelburne / Lockeport	1,578	↑ 159	11.2%	13,717	11.5%
Yarmouth	6,314	↑ 200	3.3%	24,819	25.4%
<b>Unknown</b>	2	↑ 1	100.0%		