

# Finding a Primary Care Provider

## in Nova Scotia - August 2022

As of Aug 1, 2022

### 105,187

**Nova Scotians**

are on the Need a Family Practice Registry

This represents

### 10.4%

of the population



Annual Population Estimates - Apr 1, 2022  
Statistics Canada

Approximately

### 2,900 people

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

### Monthly Activity

As reported in Jul 2022

### 4,376 people

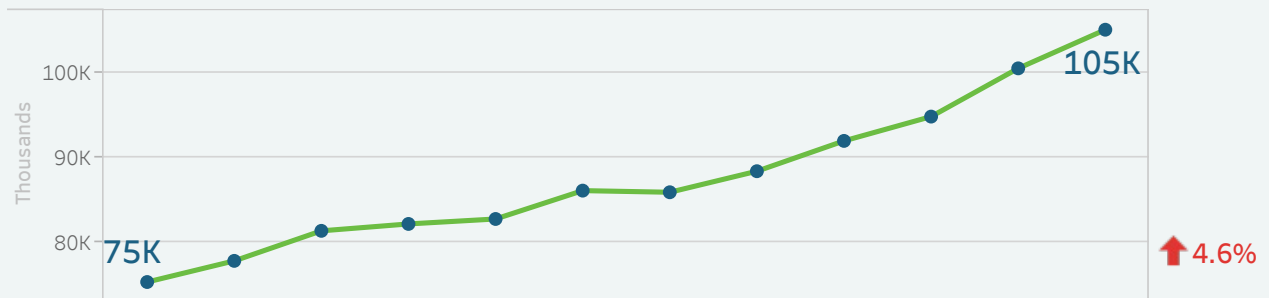
found a family practice

In Jul 2022

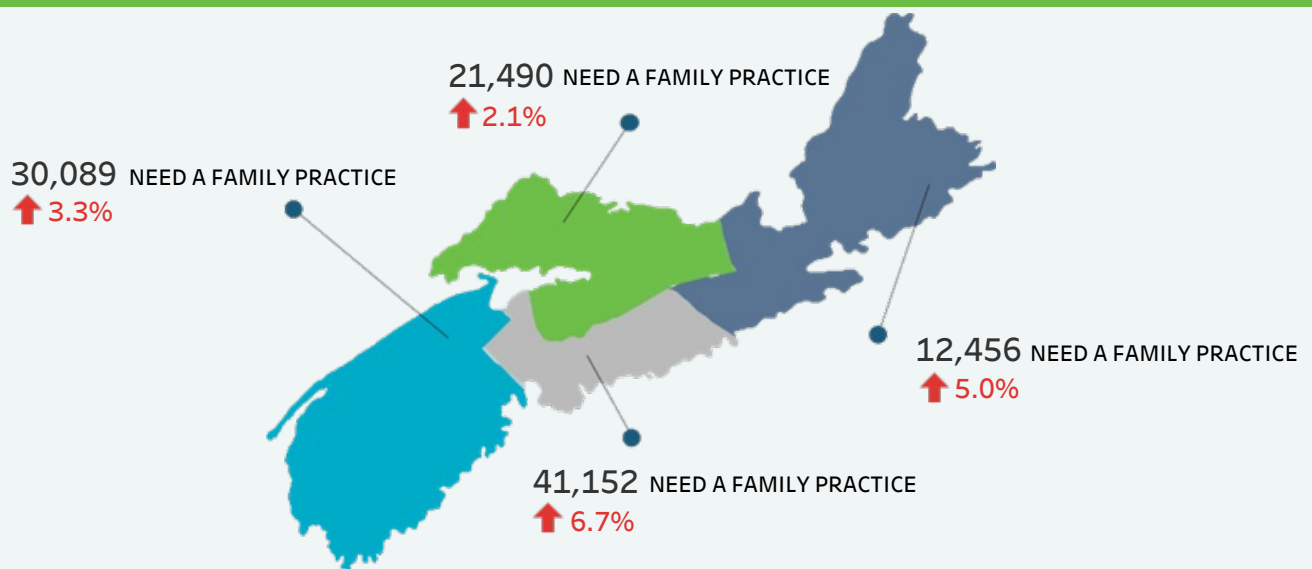
### 5,551 people

added their names to the registry

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



Total number of Nova Scotians by area and percent change

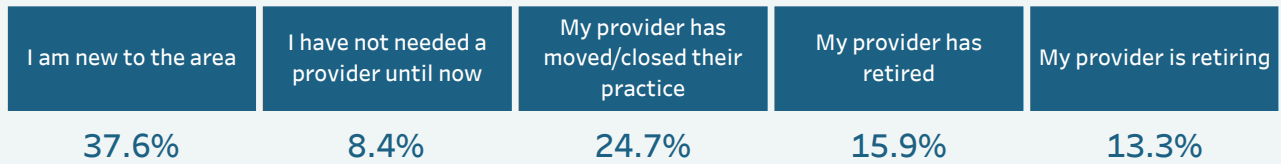


# Reasons for Joining the Need a Family Practice Registry

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

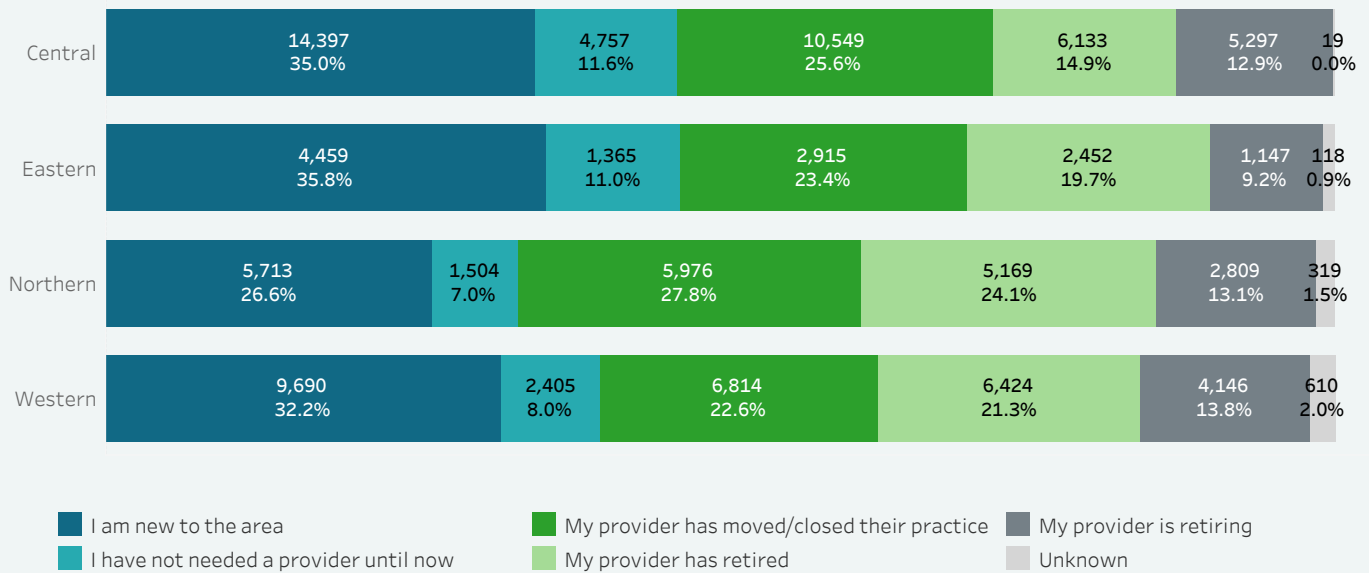
Reasons selected by the 5,551 Nova Scotians who joined the Need a Family Practice Registry in Jul 2022



## Reasons for Joining by Zone - Jul 2022

	Central	Eastern	Northern	Western	Total
I am new to the area	1,097	298	271	421	2,087
I have not needed a provider until now	295	49	44	80	468
My provider has moved/closed their practice	733	67	153	420	1,373
My provider has retired	458	102	111	214	885
My provider is retiring	253	122	127	236	738
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,836</b>	<b>638</b>	<b>706</b>	<b>1,371</b>	<b>5,551</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 Aug 1, 2022

**53,006**

**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 Aug 1, 2022

**74,500**

**Nova Scotians**

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

Approximately

**23,700**

**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>	41,152	↑ 2,585	6.7%	480,983	8.6%
<b>Bedford/Sackville</b>	11,956	↑ 739	6.6%	113,772	10.5%
Bedford / Hammonds Plains	4,737	↑ 352	8.0%	46,405	10.2%
Fall River and Area	1,358	↑ 87	6.8%	18,813	7.2%
Sackville North and Area	3,023	↑ 176	6.2%	24,420	12.4%
Sackville South	2,838	↑ 124	4.6%	24,134	11.8%
<b>Dartmouth/Southeastern</b>	9,369	↑ 678	7.8%	132,439	7.1%
Cole Harbour / Eastern Passage	2,843	↑ 231	8.8%	39,871	7.1%
Dartmouth East	1,711	↑ 144	9.2%	26,542	6.4%
Dartmouth North	2,050	↑ 143	7.5%	22,628	9.1%
Dartmouth South	2,403	↑ 194	8.8%	31,128	7.7%
Preston/Lawrencetown/Lake Echo	362	↓ -34	-8.6%	12,270	3.0%
<b>Eastern Shore Musquodoboit</b>	1,051	↑ 58	5.8%	20,564	5.1%
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<b>Halifax Peninsula/Chebucto</b>	16,343	↑ 1,048	6.9%	193,692	8.4%
Armdale / Spryfield / Herring Cove	2,096	↑ 148	7.6%	29,253	7.2%
Clayton Park	3,188	↑ 230	7.8%	39,013	8.2%
Fairview	1,828	↑ 79	4.5%	19,514	9.4%
Halifax Chebucto	1,884	↑ 124	7.0%	21,608	8.7%
Halifax Citadel	2,835	↑ 172	6.5%	25,667	11.0%
Halifax Needham	2,201	↑ 128	6.2%	21,718	10.1%
Sambro Rural Loop	1,058	↑ 46	4.5%	14,444	7.3%
Tantallon / Timberlea / SMB	1,253	↑ 121	10.7%	22,475	5.6%
<b>West Hants</b>	2,433	↑ 62	2.6%	20,516	11.9%
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<b>Eastern</b>	12,456	↑ 594	5.0%	159,939	7.8%
<b>Antigonish and Guysborough</b>	1,260	↑ 142	12.7%	27,699	4.5%
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Guysborough / Canso	177	↑ 4	2.3%	4,838	3.7%
Sherbrooke	35	↑ 6	20.7%	2,528	1.4%
<b>Cape Breton County</b>	9,793	↑ 279	2.9%	98,640	9.9%
Dominion / Glace Bay	1,871	↑ 64	3.5%	20,628	9.1%
Florence / Sydney Mines / North Sydney	1,151	↑ 39	3.5%	18,734	6.1%
New Waterford	1,175	↑ 52	4.6%	9,415	12.5%
Sydney and Area	5,596	↑ 124	2.3%	49,863	11.2%
<b>Inverness/Victoria/Richmond</b>	1,403	↑ 173	14.1%	33,600	4.2%
Baddeck / Whycocomagh	65	↑ 19	41.3%	4,575	1.4%
Cheticamp	27	↑ 4	17.4%	3,915	0.7%
Dingwall	12	↑ 3	33.3%	2,487	0.5%
Inverness	574	↑ 60	11.7%	7,069	8.1%
Port Hawkesbury / L'Ardoise / Isle Madame	725	↑ 87	13.6%	15,554	4.7%

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<b>Northern</b>	21,490	↑ 450	2.1%	151,084	14.2%
<b>Colchester East Hants</b>	8,440	↑ 193	2.3%	73,174	11.5%
East Hants Corridor	766	↑ 47	6.5%	12,936	5.9%
Economy / Glenholme	620	↓ -2	-0.3%	5,403	11.5%
Hants North	520	↑ 31	6.3%	7,383	7.0%
South Colchester	948	↑ 30	3.3%	10,068	9.4%
Truro and Area	5,586	↑ 87	1.6%	37,384	14.9%
<b>Cumberland</b>	2,415	↑ 207	9.4%	33,497	7.2%
Amherst	880	↑ 113	14.7%	13,590	6.5%
Cumberland North / North Shore	1,176	↑ 20	1.7%	8,667	13.6%
South Cumberland	110	↑ 28	34.1%	3,549	3.1%
Springhill	249	↑ 46	22.7%	7,691	3.2%
<b>Pictou County</b>	10,635	↑ 50	0.5%	44,413	23.9%
New Glasgow / Westville / Stellarton	8,530	↑ 27	0.3%	34,083	25.0%
Pictou West	2,105	↑ 23	1.1%	10,330	20.4%
<b>Western</b>	30,089	↑ 967	3.3%	200,049	15.0%
<b>Annapolis and Kings</b>	10,478	↑ 169	1.6%	82,835	12.6%
Annapolis Royal	719	↑ 10	1.4%	6,352	11.3%
Berwick	1,803	↑ 27	1.5%	14,405	12.5%
Kentville	1,926	↑ 68	3.7%	25,137	7.7%
Middleton	4,805	↑ 20	0.4%	22,209	21.6%
Wolfville	1,225	↑ 44	3.7%	14,732	8.3%
<b>Queens and Lunenburg</b>	8,549	↑ 247	3.0%	59,927	14.3%
Bridgewater	4,573	↑ 191	4.4%	27,829	16.4%
Chester and Area	1,284	↑ 156	13.8%	12,358	10.4%
Liverpool	2,063	↓ -131	-6.0%	10,425	19.8%
Lunenburg / Mahone Bay	629	↑ 31	5.2%	9,315	6.8%
<b>Yarmouth/Shelburne/Digby</b>	11,062	↑ 551	5.2%	57,287	19.3%
Digby / Clare / Weymouth	3,725	↑ 188	5.3%	18,751	19.9%
Shelburne / Lockeport	1,320	↑ 119	9.9%	13,717	9.6%
Yarmouth	6,017	↑ 244	4.2%	24,819	24.2%
<b>Unknown</b>	0	↓ -1	-100.0%		